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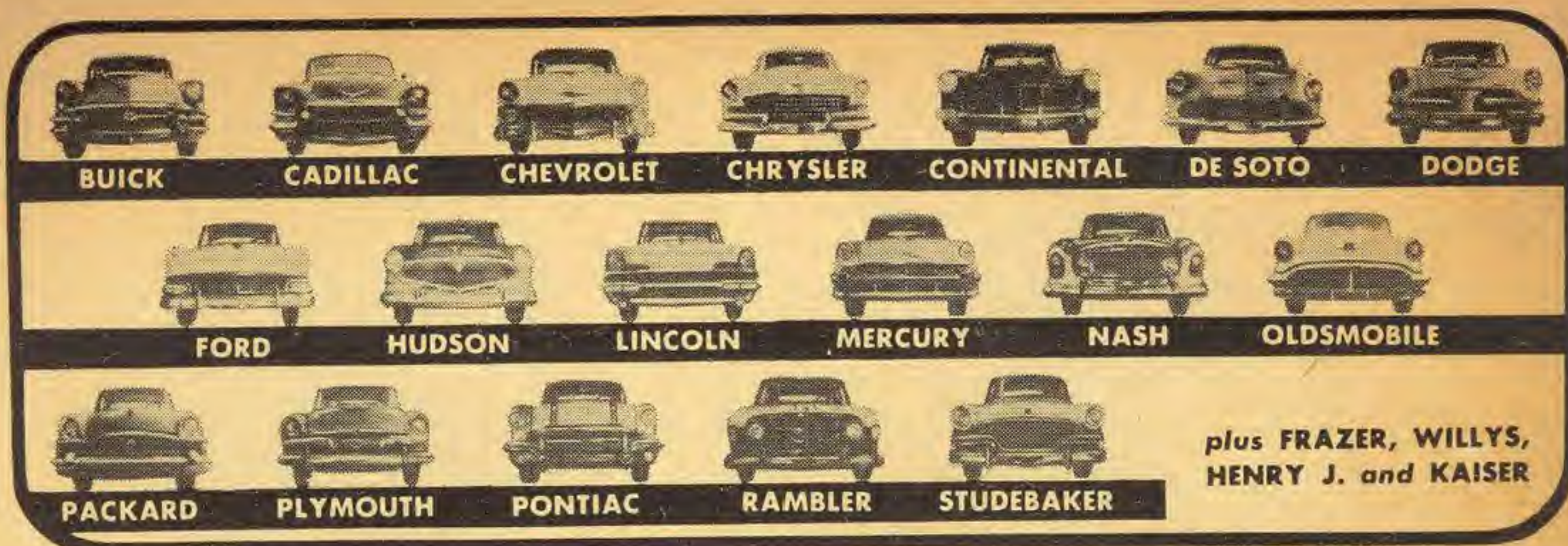
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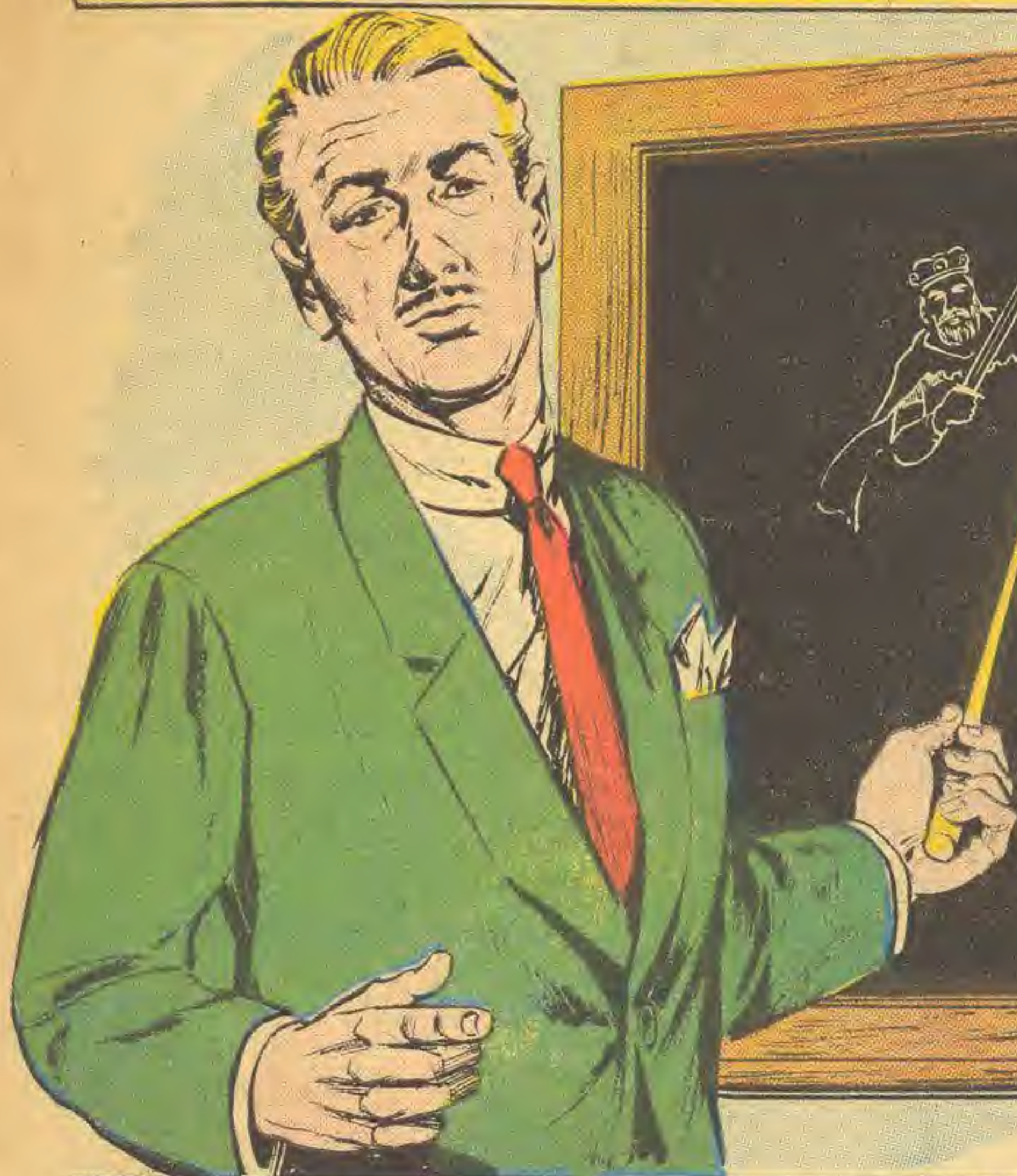
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The MAN WITHIN!



DR. CLIFTON FORRESTER, PSYCHIATRIST, WAS ADDRESSING ONE OF HIS CLASSES AT THE UNIVERSITY --

-- AND IT IS MY BELIEF THAT SUCH FINDINGS AS THE **BRIDEY MURPHY** CASE MAY CHANGE OUR CONCEPTS OF THE STUDY OF THE HUMAN MIND!

ENVIRONMENT MOLDS PEOPLE INTO WHAT THEY **SEEM** TO BE! BUT **HYPNOTIZE** THEM, AND YOU UNCOVER SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT -- A **MAN WITHIN** ENTIRELY DISSIMILAR TO THE OUTWARD PERSONALITY!

FORRESTER SHARED HIS APARTMENT WITH PROFESSOR ROBERTS OF THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT --

I DON'T GO ALONG WITH YOUR THEORIES! I SAY THAT THINGS ARE **EXACTLY** WHAT THEY SEEM -- INCLUDING PEOPLE! SCRATCH THEM, AND YOU'LL FIND THE VERY SAME PERSON BENEATH THE SURFACE!

I DISAGREE MOST **EMPHATICALLY!** SHALL WE STEP OUT FOR SOME AIR -- AND CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION?



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YOU'RE FORGETTING THAT THE BRIDEY MURPHY CASE WAS NO ISOLATED EVENT! ACTUALLY, THERE HAVE BEEN HUNDREDS OF CASES OF BURIED PERSONALITIES COMING TO LIGHT--

HOGWASH! LIARS AND PUBLICITY-SEEKERS, ONE AND ALL!



YOU'RE **WRONG**, ROBERTS! YOU JUST DON'T REALIZE WHAT LIES BURIED BENEATH THE CONSCIOUS HUMAN MIND!

ME, I'M FROM MISSOURI, FORRESTER -- YOU'LL HAVE TO **PROVE** IT! I---HEY! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE SPILLING THOSE ASHES, WILL YOU?



WHAT'S THE MATTER, CAN'T YOU LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING? CAN'T YOU EVEN SAY YOU'RE **SORRY**?



WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD TO LOSE YOUR TEMPER -- THAT'S ONLY **WILLI MUELLER**, THE SUPERINTENDENT'S NEW HELPER, AND HE ISN'T QUITE RIGHT IN THE HEAD! THE ONLY THING HE'S GOOD FOR IS MOVING ASH BARRELS, AND DOING A BIT OF SIMPLE CLEANING!

HUMPH -- ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT IF HE'S GOT A PERSONALITY INSIDE HIM ANYWHERE, IT'D BE MORE THAN HE'S GOT ON THE **OUTSIDE**!



MAYBE --YOU CAN'T JUDGE BY APPEARANCES, REMEMBER! WHO KNOWS, INSIDE HIM THERE MAY LURK A PERSONALITY THAT'S PRACTICALLY **FLAMING**!

HIM? MAN, ARE YOU **CRAZY**?



GREAT SCOTT! HE'S **HURT**!



JUST STUNNED, I THINK! I'M A PHYSICIAN -- CAN SOMEBODY HELP GET THIS MAN UP TO MY APARTMENT?

SURE THING, **DOC**!





STRANGE -- I -- CAN'T SEEM TO LOCATE ANY HEARTBEAT!

NONSENSE -- WHY, THE MAN'S COMING TO -- HE'S MUTTERING!

THE ROCKET -- WE'VE BEEN TRAVELING SO LONG -- TRAVELING -- EMPTY SPACE --



THE GREEN PLANET -- LOOK OUT! WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!

EASY, THERE --



OH-HH!... WHERE -- AM I?

THERE, THERE, WILLI -- YOU HAD A LITTLE ACCIDENT, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT!



NEXT DAY, IN HIS OFFICE AT THE UNIVERSITY --

HOW'S WILLI -- DID THAT ACCIDENT BENEFIT HIS **MAN WITHIN**? HA-HA! -- TO THINK OF A SLUG LIKE **THAT** HAVING AN INNER PERSONALITY! ADMIT THAT YOU'RE OFF THE BEAM, FORRESTER!

ON THE CONTRARY! YOU HEARD THE WORDS HE MUMBLED BEFORE HE CAME TO! WEREN'T THEY A CLEAR

INDICATION OF SOME INNER LIFE?



NOW YOU'RE GOING **TOO FAR**! THE MAN WAS WANDERING -- SENSELESSLY REPEATING WORDS HE MAY HAVE HEARD ON SOME TELEVISION SHOW! A THOUSAND DOLLARS SAYS YOU CAN'T MAKE ME CHANGE MY MIND!

DONE! WILLI'S COMING UP AT TEN TONIGHT SO I CAN CHECK HIM OVER -- YOU BE THERE!



THAT NIGHT -- WILLI, GRATEFUL FOR FORRESTER'S ATTENTIONS, GLADLY CONSENTED TO WHAT THE DOCTOR HAD IN MIND --

I WANT YOU TO RELAX, WILLI -- **COMPLETELY!** DON'T THINK OF ANYTHING -- TRY TO MAKE YOUR MIND A TOTAL BLANK! AND KEEP YOUR EYES ON THIS WATCH -- FOLLOW ITS EVERY MOVEMENT --



THAT'S IT -- **KEEP WATCHING IT!** TO -- AND FRO -- TO -- AND FRO! NOW YOUR EYE-MUSCLES ARE TIRING -- YOU'RE STARTING TO FEEL SLEEPY! BUT JUST WATCH -- **WATCH --**

YOU'RE SLEEPY -- BUT ONLY YOUR BODY WILL SLEEP! NOW YOUR MIND IS FREE, AND YOU REMEMBER... **REMEMBER!** YOU'VE GONE BACK, BACK IN TIME AND THE MISTS ARE CLEARING AWAY! AND NOW YOU SEE IT, WILLI! TELL ME -- TELL ME WHAT IT IS YOU SEE --

GOT TO -- FLEE -- ALL OF US! **SELENA... SELENA... DOOMED...**



WHO -- OR WHAT -- IS **SELENA**, WILLI? YOU'VE GOT TO TELL ME -- TELL ME ALL!

SELENA -- WAS THE PLANET -- OF SCIENCE! THE PLANET -- WHERE I WAS MANUFACTURED -- TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO!



"WE SELENIANS -- WERE AN ADVANCED RACE -- BUT RENDERED STERILE BY ATOMIC RADIATION EXPERIMENTS! OUR SCIENTISTS HAD LEARNED TO PRODUCE OUR POPULATION IN THE LABORATORY --"

"AN ORDINARY DAY -- AN ORDINARY RUN -- BUT IT WAS SPECIAL FOR ME, SINCE IT WAS THE DAY OF MY CREATION --"

"THIS WAS I -- BUT AS YET, THE BREATH OF LIFE WAS NOT IN ME --"



THIS WILL BE AN ORDINARY RUN -- NO SPECIAL SKILLS REQUIRED IN THIS BATCH!



AND NOW -- THE NERVE PLEXUS!

"THIS WAS THE LAST STEP -- THE INSERTION OF A DELICATE, INCREDIBLY COMPLICATED PLEXUS OF NERVES IN THE UPPER ARM! FOR SELENIANS, IT WAS THE SECRET OF PRACTICALLY IMMORTAL LIFE! BUT THE PLEXUS WAS VULNERABLE -- AND HAD TO BE PROTECTED BY A METAL BAND OF INCREDIBLE HARDNESS --"

WHILE THE BAND REMAINS UNDISTURBED -- HE SHALL LIVE!



"AND NOW -- I LIVED!"

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YOU'LL BE KNOWN AS XR-47162! REPORT TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE AT ONCE FOR PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT!



I LOOKED -- FAR DIFFERENT THEN -- WE FABRICATED SELENIANS ALWAYS COULD MOLD OUR PLASTIC FLESH! FOR CENTURIES -- I WAS AN UNDERLING -- CURSING FATE FOR MY LACK OF POWER! AND THEN CAME -- THE CATACLYSM!

HEY, BOY -- THIS IS OKAY, HUH? REAL SCIENCE FICTION STUFF!

QUIET -- I DON'T WANT TO MISS A WORD OF IT!



"IT WAS TRAGEDY -- ONE OF SELENA'S SATELLITES BREAKING LOOSE FROM ITS ORBIT -- AND RUNNING WILD, SHAKEN BY FEARFUL EXPLOSIONS!"



"ON SELENA, HUGE TIDAL WAVES RAN WILD! WE RAISED DIKES, SEAWALLS -- BUT IT WAS HOPELESS! THE PLANET WAS **DOOMED!**"

FASTER, XR-47162! CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING RIGHT?

I -- I WOULDN'T CARE WHAT HAPPENED -- IF ONLY I COULD BE SOMEBODY -- NOT JUST A MEANINGLESS NUMBER TO BE ORDERED AROUND!



"OUR POPULATION WAS A SMALL ONE -- AND FORTUNATELY, WE HAD A LARGE SUPPLY OF SPACE ROCKETS! IT MEANT **MIGRATION** --"

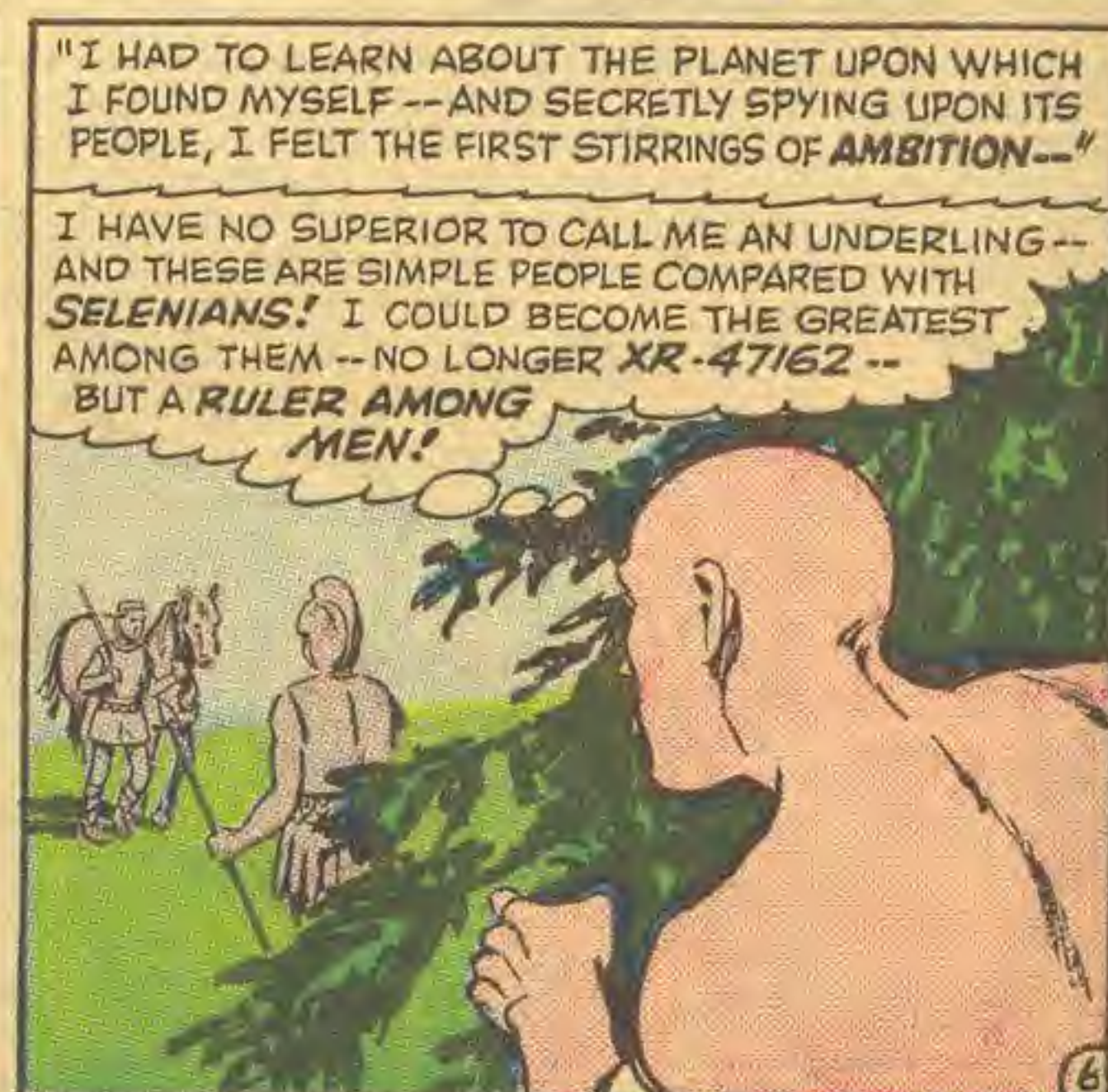


WE SOUGHT A NEW HOME -- SOME PLANET THAT COULD SUSTAIN LIFE! AND WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN TRANSPLANTING OUR POPULATION -- WERE IT NOT FOR A CLOUD OF METEORS THAT RAMMED INTO OUR FLEET HEADLONG! MOST OF THE ROCKETS MET INSTANT DESTRUCTION --



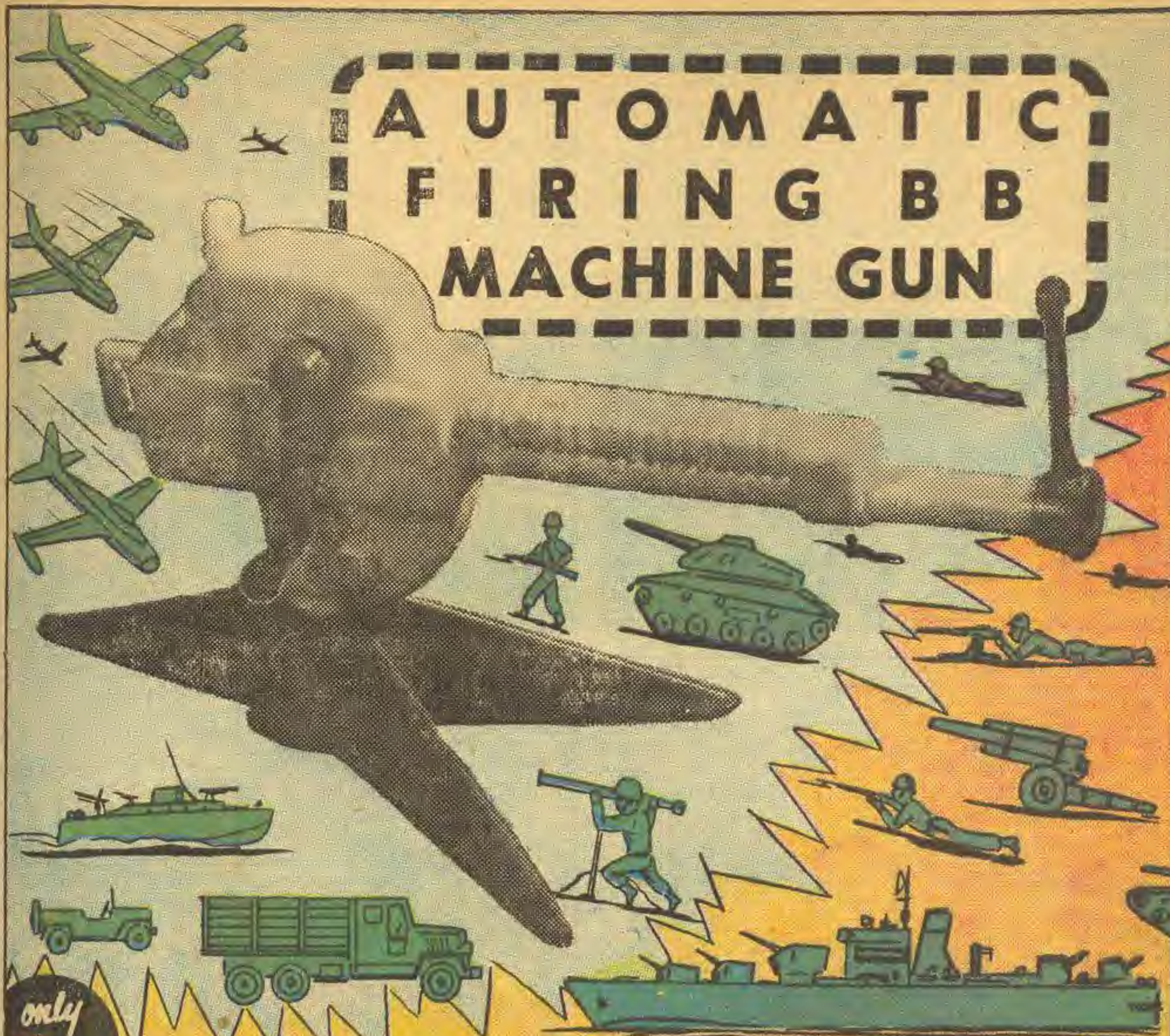
"AND MINE WAS SEPARATED FROM THE REST! FOR MONTHS WE WANDERED AIMLESSLY THROUGH SPACE -- UNTIL --"





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"IT DIDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO LEARN PERFECTLY THE LANGUAGE OF THE PEOPLE I FOUND MYSELF AMONG, FOR SELENIANS HAVE THE POWER TO ABSORB KNOWLEDGE ALMOST INSTANTLY! I BECAME A SOLDIER--AWAITING AN OPPORTUNITY WHICH SOON CAME!"

WELL, MANARA -- READY TO WELCOME OUR NEW KING? HE'LL ARRIVE TOMORROW FROM THE OUTER PROVINCES -- WILL YOU SUPPORT HIM?

NEVER! WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I'LL WAYLAY HIS BAND, WIPE HIM OUT AND DECLARE MYSELF RULER!



"THE PLOT WAS CARRIED OUT -- BUT I MANAGED TO LAG BEHIND WHEN THE OTHER SOLDIERS LEFT, THEIR DEED ACCOMPLISHED! I STUDIED THE FACE OF THE SLAIN KING --"

I HAVE BUT TO MOLD MY PLASTIC FEATURES IN *HIS* IMAGE -- DON HIS RAIMENT --



"THAT EVENING -- AS THE PLOTTERS CELEBRATED--"

INSTEAD OF A PUNY MONARCH, I SHALL HEAD THE KINGDOM -- WITH YOU AS MY CHIEF MINISTER! THAT'S FAR BETTER THAN THE WEAK KING WE DISPOSED OF!

MANARA -- L'LOOK!



"THERE I STOOD, IDENTICAL WITH THE DEAD KING IN EVERY PARTICULAR -- SAVE FOR THE METAL BAND WHICH HID MY PLEXUS --"

YOU ARE AMBITIOUS, MANARA -- TOO AMBITIOUS!

IT'S -- HE!



YOU SHOULD HAVE MADE *SURE* OF ME! NOW WE'LL SEE HOW WEAK I AM!

POW!



"WITH THAT BLOW, XR-47162 DISAPPEARED! IN HIS PLACE WAS A STRONG LEADER OF MEN -- A LEADER WITH *IDEAS* --"

SCOUR MY LANDS FOR THE STRONGEST MEN -- AND PLACE THEM WITHIN MY FORCES! THE ARMY MUST BE INCREASED TENFOLD -- AND TRAINED NIGHT AND DAY! SPREAD THE WORD THAT *PLUNDER* AWAITS!



"*PLUNDER!* IT WAS A MAGIC WORD -- ENABLING ME TO LEAD INTO ACTION SUCH A HOST AS HAD SELDOM BEEN SEEN! "

CHARGE!

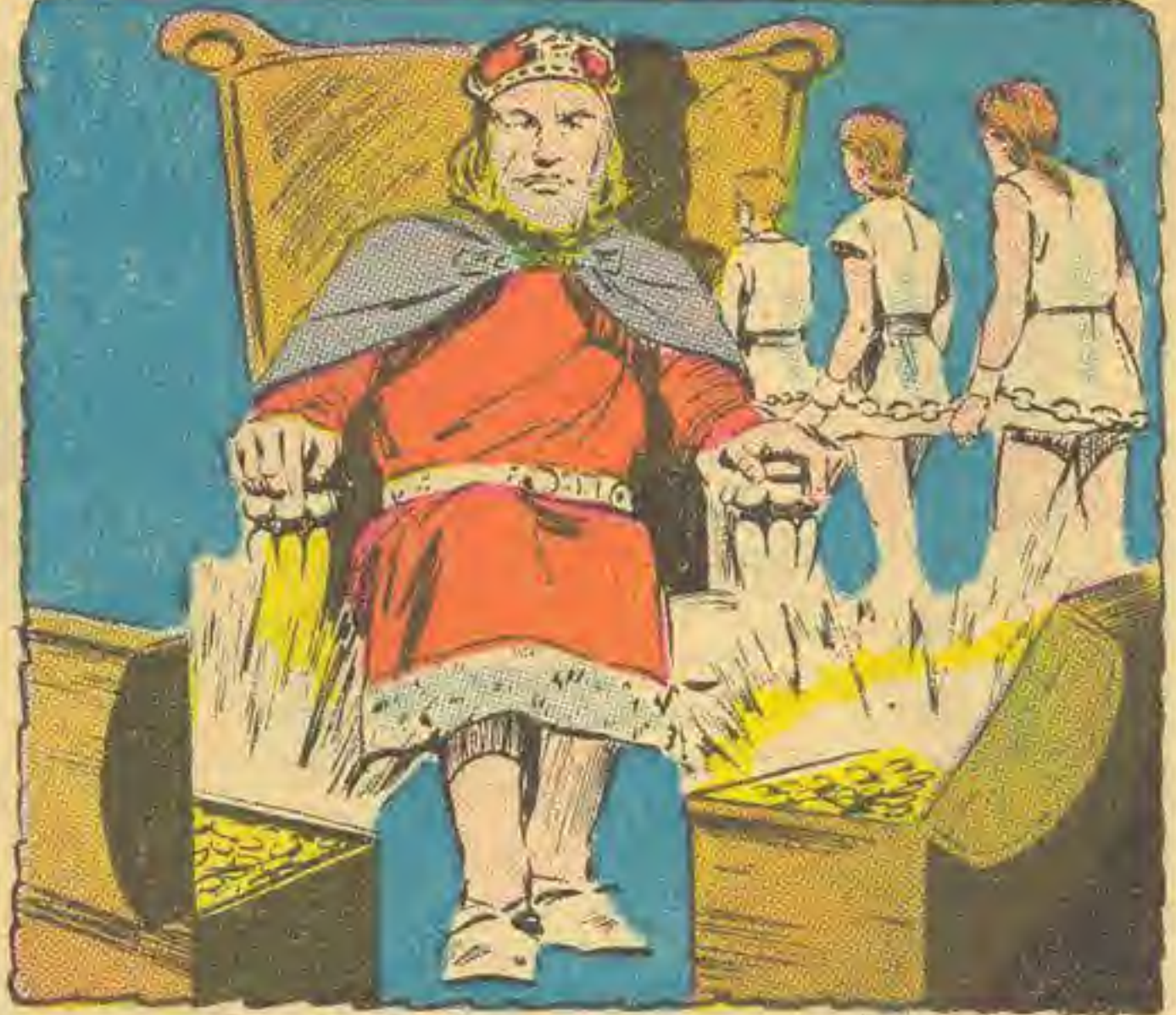


"BOOTY APLENTY AWAITED -- GOLD, JEWELS, SLAVES! WAS IT NOT WORTH **FIGHTING** FOR?"

DRIVE THEM FROM THE CITY!



"HOW I EXULTED IN THE POWER OF LEADERSHIP; THE KNOWLEDGE THAT EVERYWHERE, MEN BOWED TO ME -- FOR WAS I NOT -- **ATTILA THE HUN?**"



HE'S EMOTIONALLY EXHAUSTED -- HE'S FALLEN ASLEEP! I KNOW WHAT YOU THINK, ROBERTS, BUT I'M GOING TO CONTINUE THESE HYPNOTIC SESSIONS -- JUST TO SEE WHAT I DIG UP! GAME TO STRING ALONG?

JUST FOR THE LAUGHS! THERE SURE IS A **MAN WITHIN** THAT GUY -- AND HE OUGHT TO BE A **FICTION WRITER!**



YES... MAYBE ROBERTS WAS RIGHT -- MAYBE WILLI **SHOULD** HAVE BEEN A FICTION WRITER -- FOR AT THE NEXT SESSION --

I SEE -- THE OCEAN -- THE TOSSING OCEAN -- I HEAR THE CANNONADE -- **HUH? HOW THE DEVIL DID ATILA EVER COME TO OCEANS -- AND CANNON?** **SH-HHH!** HE'S IN THE GRIP OF SOME STRONG EMOTION -- LET HIM TALK --



"WE WERE BROUGHT ABOARD THE PRIVATEER -- BEFORE ITS MASTER, CAPTAIN EDWARD TEACH --"

IF HER CARGO'S ALL ABOARD, SEE THAT THESE PRISONERS ARE LOCKED UP BELOW! THEY SHOULD FETCH A GOOD RANSOM! ONE CAN **START** AS A PRIVATEER -- AND IF HE KNOWS HOW TO **MANAGE** --

"NOW OVER A THOUSAND YEARS HAD PASSED -- AND IN THE INTERVENING CENTURIES, THE WORLD HAD KNOWN ME IN MANY GUISES! IN EACH, I HAD BEEN A **CONQUEROR**, SPURRED ALWAYS BY AMBITION -- KEPT ALIVE BY THE PLEXUS WHICH MY METAL ARMBAND GUARDED! NOW THE YEAR WAS 1713 -- ABOARD A SPANISH SHIP UNDER THE FIRE OF AN ENGLISH PRIVATEER --"

THEY'VE GOT OUR MAST! **STRIKE COLORS!**

THIS IS **ANOTHER** TYPE OF CONQUEST -- AND HE THAT RULES THE SEAS MAY WELL RULE THE WORLD IN TIME! IT'S WORTH **INVESTIGATING!**



"I WAS DOWN ON MY LUCK -- I, WHO HAD KNOWN LEADERSHIP, GREATNESS IN EVERY AGE SINCE I HAD ARRIVED ON EARTH! NOW I SAW MY OPPORTUNITY-- AND THAT NIGHT --"

THEY NEVER DREAMED ANYONE WOULD DARE TRY TO ESCAPE THIS WAY!



NOW TO MOLD MY FEATURES IN HIS IMAGE! BY MORNING, I'LL OCCUPY THE PLACE OF CAPTAIN EDWARD TEACH--AND NOBODY WILL BE THE WISER!



"AS CAPTAIN, I SCORNE PRIVATEERING -- I WAS GOING IN FOR **BIGGER STAKES!** I TURNED BUCCANEER, GROWING A BEARD TO BE MORE IN CHARACTER-- AND BECAME -- **BLACKBEARD THE PIRATE!**"

BOARD HER -- AND SWEEP HER DECKS CLEAN!



"SOON I DOMINATED THE SPANISH MAIN -- THE WEST INDIES -- EVEN THE COASTS OF CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA! THE GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA HIMSELF SHARED IN MY BOOTY --"

'TIS PROFITABLE, BLACKBEARD -- BUT YOU GO TOO FAR!

TOO FAR? I'M GOING TO TAKE OVER NORTH CAROLINA SOON, ME BUCKO -- THEN VIRGINIA -- NOTHING WILL STOP ME!



SOON THE 13 COLONIES WILL BE MINE -- THEN --

THAT'S ENOUGH NOW -- I'D BETTER BRING HIM OUT OF IT! I DON'T WANT HIS INNER EMOTIONS TO GET THE BETTER OF HIM!



JUST BECAUSE WILLI HAS COME UP WITH MORE THAN ONE HIDDEN IDENTITY IN NO WAY CHANGES MY THEORY OF THE **MAN WITHIN** -- IT'S JUST THAT HE HAS **MANY** WITHIN HIM! HANG IT ALL, MAN, IT CAN BE COMPARED TO CASES OF **MULTIPLE PERSONALITY** -- YOU'VE HEARD OF THEM, HAVEN'T YOU?

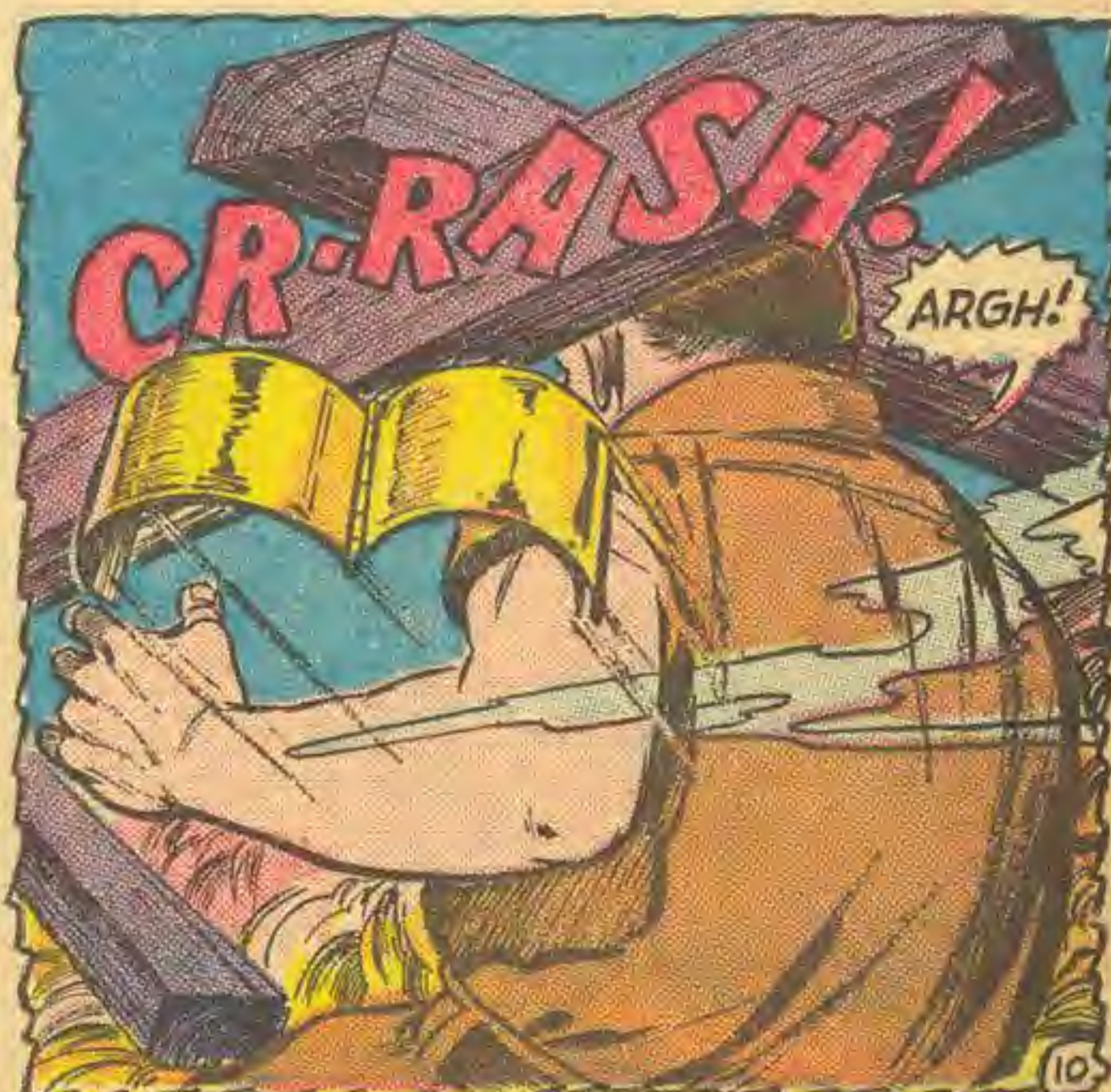
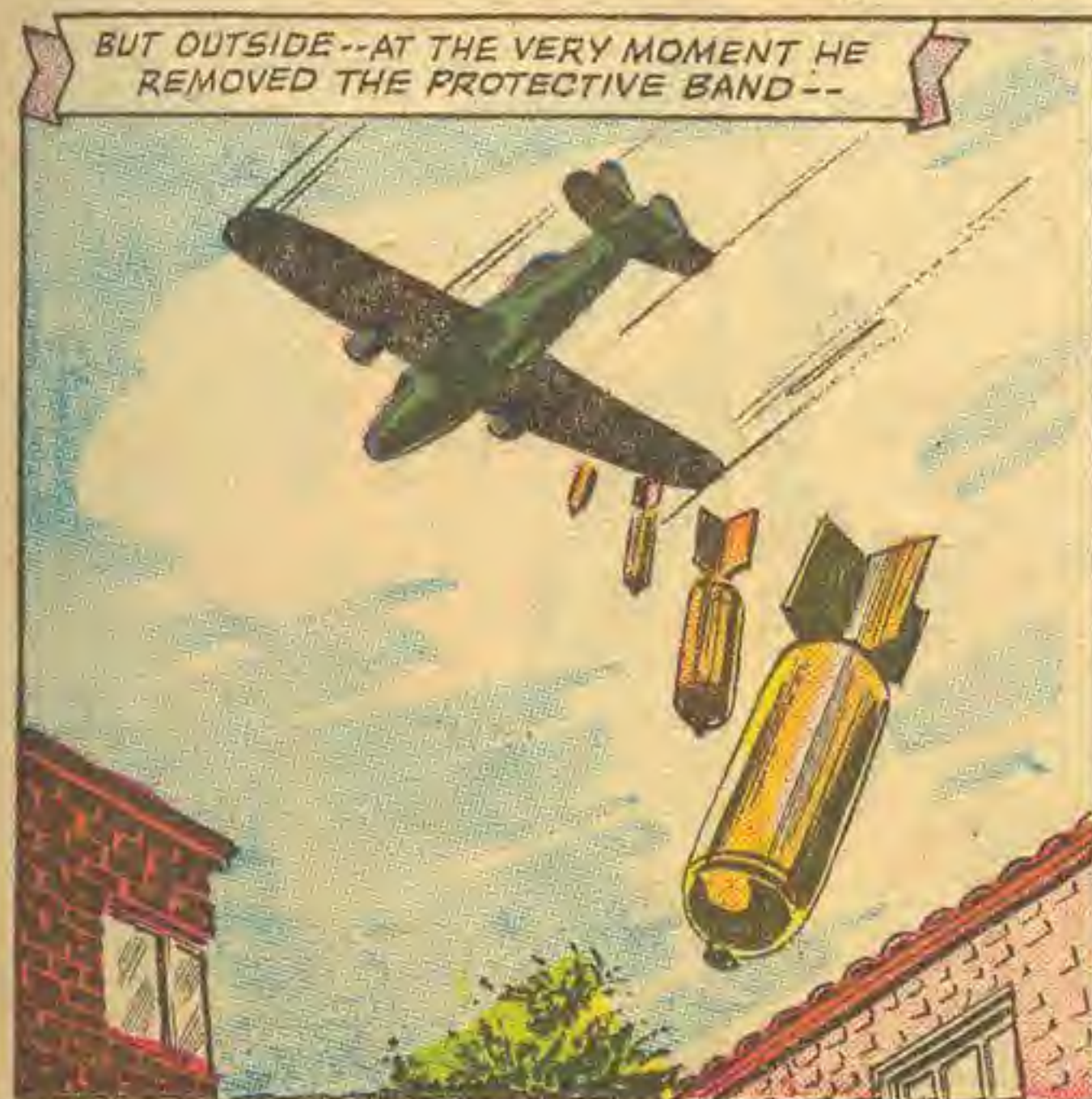
OH, STOP IT! FLAMING PERSONALITIES -- CONQUERORS THROUGH THE AGES -- ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME THAT THEY **REALLY** LIE WITHIN --



--A WITLESS HULK LIKE WILLI MUELLER?

I BELIEVE WILLI -- AND I WON'T CLOSE HIS CASE UNTIL I PROVE IT TO YOU! SUPPOSING WE TRY JUST ONE MORE SESSION WITH HIM -- AND SEE WHAT IT PRODUCES!







HELP ME
GET HIM TO
THE COUCH!

ARGH!



NOW DR. FORRESTER MADE A STRANGE, AMAZING
DISCOVERY -- A MARK DEEPLY ETCHED UPON OLD
WILLI'S UPPER ARM -- AS IF SOME METAL BAND HAD
BEEN WORN THERE FOR COUNTLESS YEARS --

OH, WHAT ARE YOU
TRYING TO GIVE ME,
ANYWAY? IT'S JUST
COINCIDENCE, THAT'S
ALL!

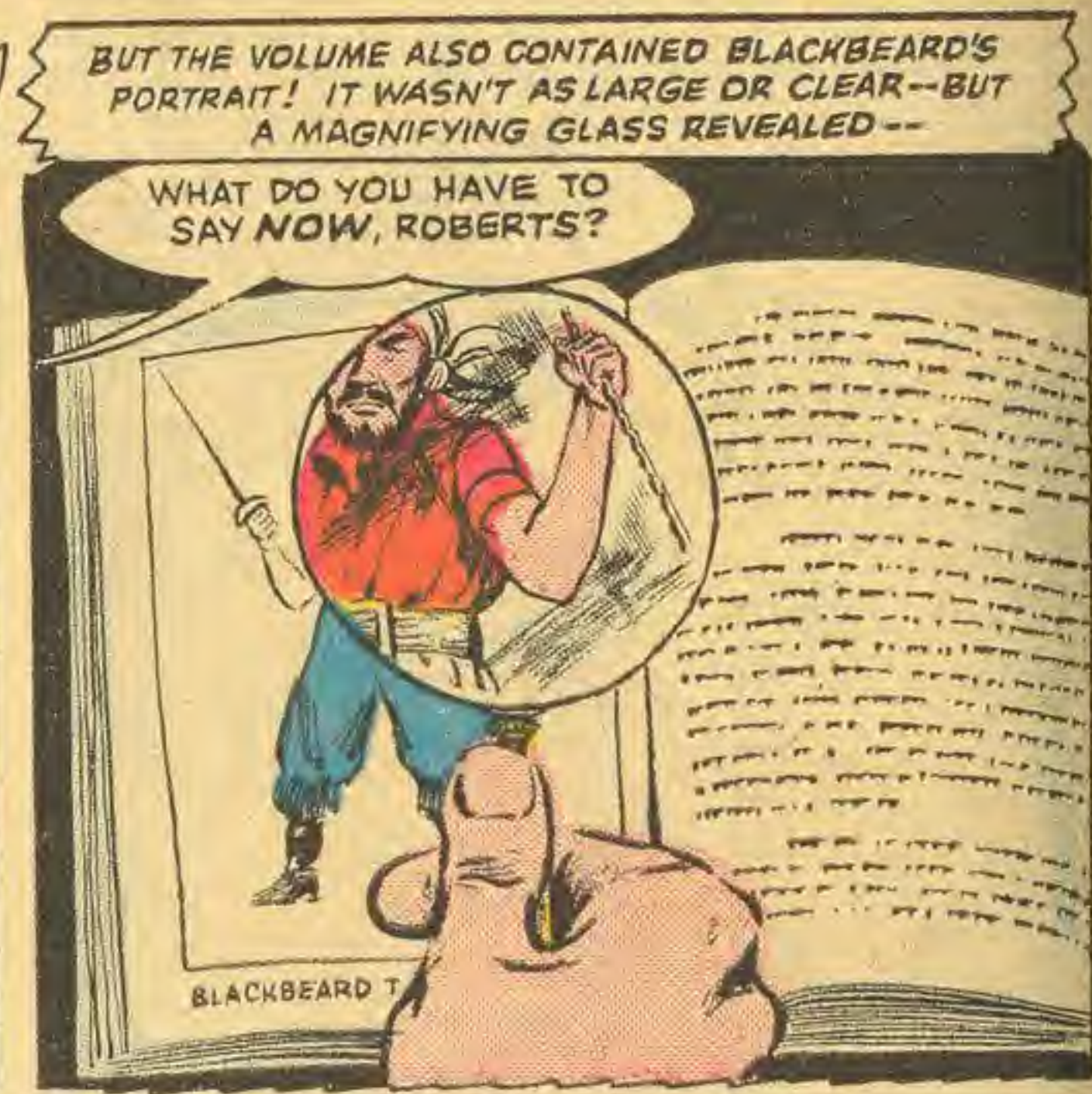
MAYBE -- BUT THAT METAL ARM-
BAND HAS BEEN A VITAL FACTOR
IN THIS WHOLE STORY FROM THE
VERY BEGINNING! AND THERE'S
SOMETHING I THINK
YOU SHOULD SEE,
ROBERTS -- SOME
ASTONISHING
RESEARCH WHICH
I'VE DONE!



THE BOOK WAS ENTITLED **LIVES OF ADVENTURERS
AND CONQUERORS** -- AND INSIDE WAS A PICTURE OF
ATTILA THE HUN, REPRODUCED FROM AN EARLY
PAINTING! AND THERE, CLEAR TO SEE --

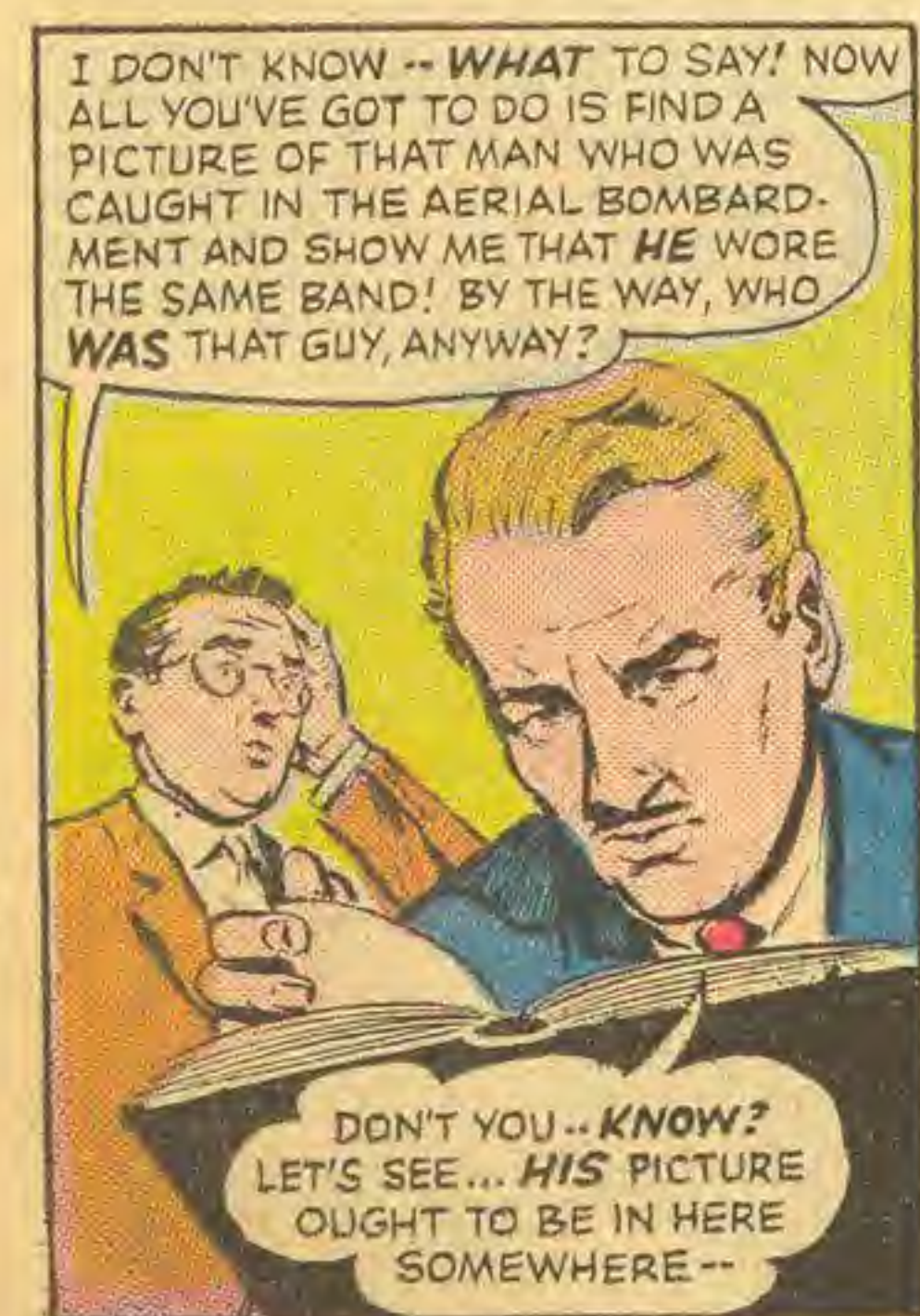
WELL? DO
YOU SEE THE
ARMBAND?

SO WHAT? I'D CALL IT SHEER ACCIDENT --
UNLESS YOU COULD SHOW ME THE SAME
THING ON **BLACKBEARD THE PIRATE!**



BUT THE VOLUME ALSO CONTAINED **BLACKBEARD'S
PORTRAIT!** IT WASN'T AS LARGE OR CLEAR -- BUT
A MAGNIFYING GLASS REVEALED --

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO
SAY NOW, ROBERTS?



I DON'T KNOW -- **WHAT TO SAY!** NOW
ALL YOU'VE GOT TO DO IS FIND A
PICTURE OF THAT MAN WHO WAS
CAUGHT IN THE AERIAL BOMBARD-
MENT AND SHOW ME THAT **HE** WORE
THE SAME BAND! BY THE WAY, WHO
WAS THAT GUY, ANYWAY?

DON'T YOU -- **KNOW?**
LET'S SEE... **HIS** PICTURE
OUGHT TO BE IN HERE
SOMEWHERE --

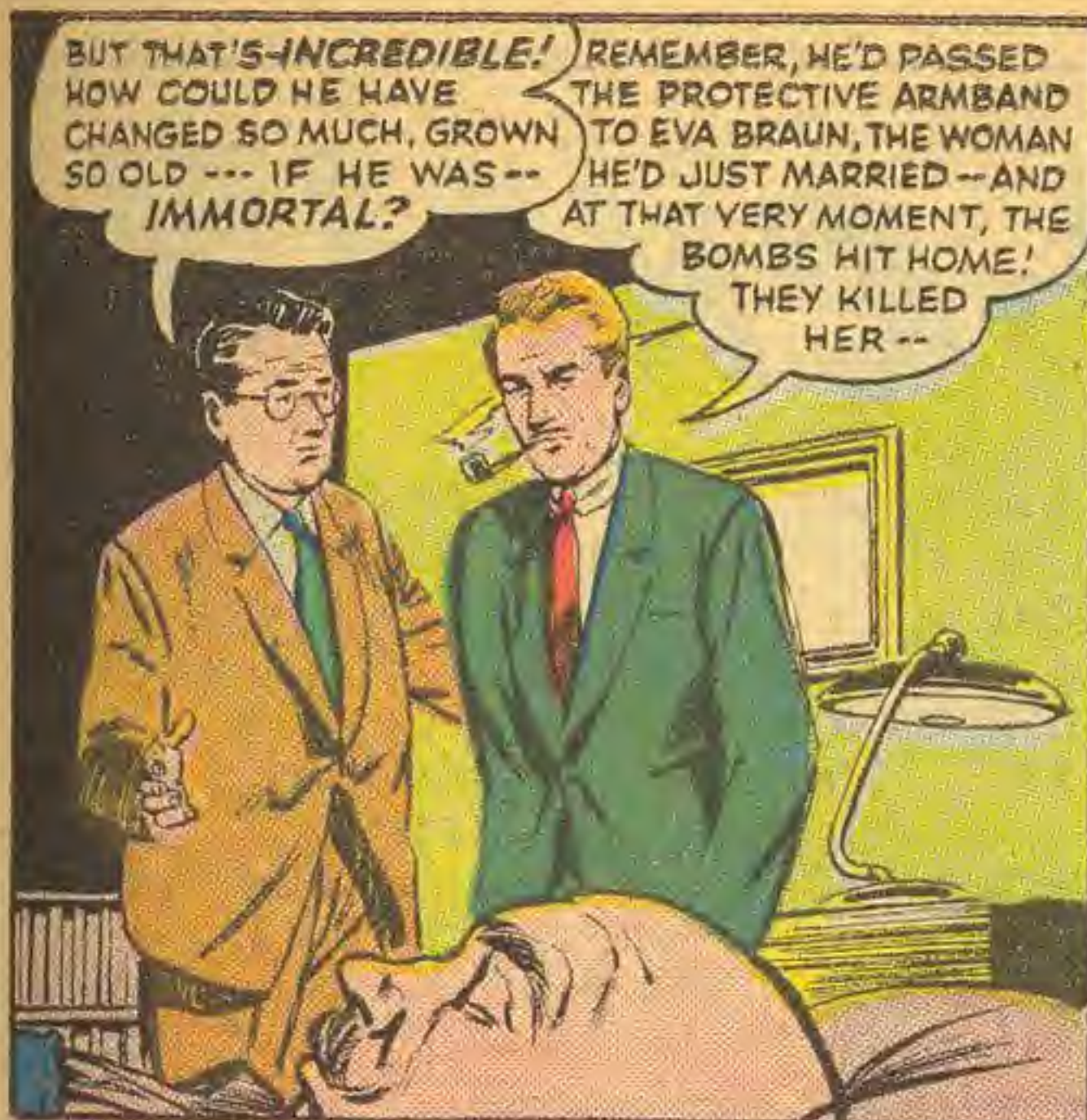


THAT CHAMBER HE WAS IN -- DIDN'T
YOU NOTICE THAT IT HAD **NO
WINDOWS** IN IT? **THINK BACK --**
WHAT MAN'S GREATNESS CRASHED
INTO THE DUST IN AN UNDER-
GROUND CHAMBER UNDER THE
BOMBS OF THE ALLIES -- JUST
AFTER HE'D TAKEN A WIFE?

GOOD HEAVENS, YOU
DON'T MEAN -- YOU
CAN'T MEAN --



YES -- **ADOLF HITLER
HIMSELF!**

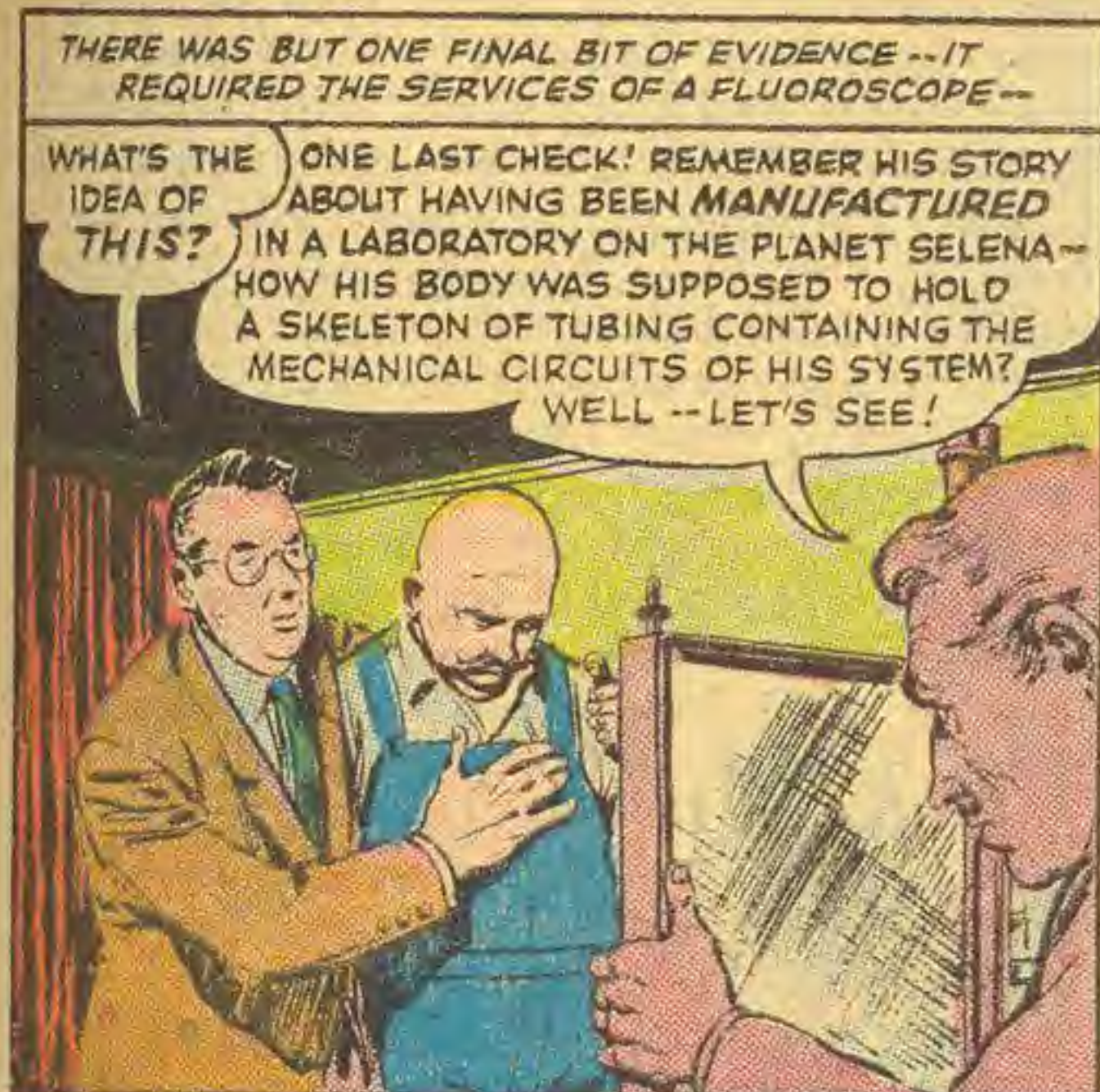


BUT THAT'S INCREDIBLE! HOW COULD HE HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH, GROWN SO OLD --- IF HE WAS IMMORTAL?

REMEMBER, HE'D PASSED THE PROTECTIVE ARMBAND TO EVA BRAUN, THE WOMAN HE'D JUST MARRIED --- AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT, THE BOMBS HIT HOME! THEY KILLED HER --



-- AND CHANGED HIM SO MUCH THAT WHEN HE STAGGERED FROM THAT FLAMING BUNKER, HIS MEMORY GONE, HE COULD NO LONGER BE RECOGNIZED AS ADOLF HITLER!



THERE WAS BUT ONE FINAL BIT OF EVIDENCE -- IT REQUIRED THE SERVICES OF A FLUOROSCOPE --

WHAT'S THE IDEA OF THIS?

ONE LAST CHECK! REMEMBER HIS STORY ABOUT HAVING BEEN MANUFACTURED IN A LABORATORY ON THE PLANET SELENA -- HOW HIS BODY WAS SUPPOSED TO HOLD A SKELETON OF TUBING CONTAINING THE MECHANICAL CIRCUITS OF HIS SYSTEM? WELL -- LET'S SEE!



NOW CAME PROOF POSITIVE --

HOLY SMOKE! TALK ABOUT YOUR MAN WITHIN!



THE FOLLOWING DAY --

SHOULDN'T WE DO SOMETHING -- LIKE HAND HIM OVER TO THE WAR CRIMES COMMISSION?

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE COULD NEVER BE ANY LEGAL PROOF! OH, SURE, IT'S EASY TO ESTABLISH THAT HE'S NOT LIKE OTHER MEN -- BUT THAT DOESN'T PROVE HE'S HITLER, DESPITE WHAT WE KNOW!



HOWEVER, MY EXAMINATION REVEALED SOMETHING ELSE! THE DAMAGE THAT HE SUFFERED IN THAT BUNKER WAS SO GRAVE THAT HE CAN'T LIVE ANY MORE THAN A COUPLE OF YEARS MORE IN ANY EVENT! NEVER AGAIN CAN ADOLF HITLER BE A MENACE TO THE WORLD!



AND SOMEHOW -- I FEEL IT WOULD BE POETIC JUSTICE FOR THE WORLD'S GREATEST CONQUEROR, DESPOT AND TYRANT TO FINISH OFF HIS LIFE LIKE THAT!

THE END 12

The SILVER CHAIN

YOU wouldn't call Mike Lawton a superstitious man — not really. The usual superstitions, such as black cats and the like, meant absolutely nothing to him. Actually, there was only one object that possessed a more than natural significance to him, and that was the old silver chain. It was a watch chain that had been handed down through the Lawton family for many generations, and it was popularly supposed to bring good luck to whomever carried it. Composed of strong, heavy silver links, it was worn doubled back over itself several times, since it was actually almost two feet long. As a boy and all through his growing years, it fascinated him, and his father could get him to do practically anything just by lending him the old chain. Outside of these occasions, he was an unmanageable boy, headstrong and wilful. When his brothers dutifully entered the family business, Mike remained a playboy. Therefore, it was not only logical, but deserved that the family fortune should go to his hardworking brothers upon his father's death. As for Mike, he was cut off with a dollar — and the silver chain.

At first, he was not very depressed, because not only was he a happy-go-lucky type, but he had infinite faith in the power of the old chain as a good luck token. He was sure that things would come easy to him as long as he had it in his possession — but apparently this wasn't to be. For the little money that he had ran out, and after that, things went from bad to worse. Accident, illness, poverty — every type of mishap seemed to overtake him. Despite everything, however, Mike retained his faith in the silver chain, and carried it with him wherever he went. "My luck will change yet," he would say. "The chain'll do it — it can't miss!"

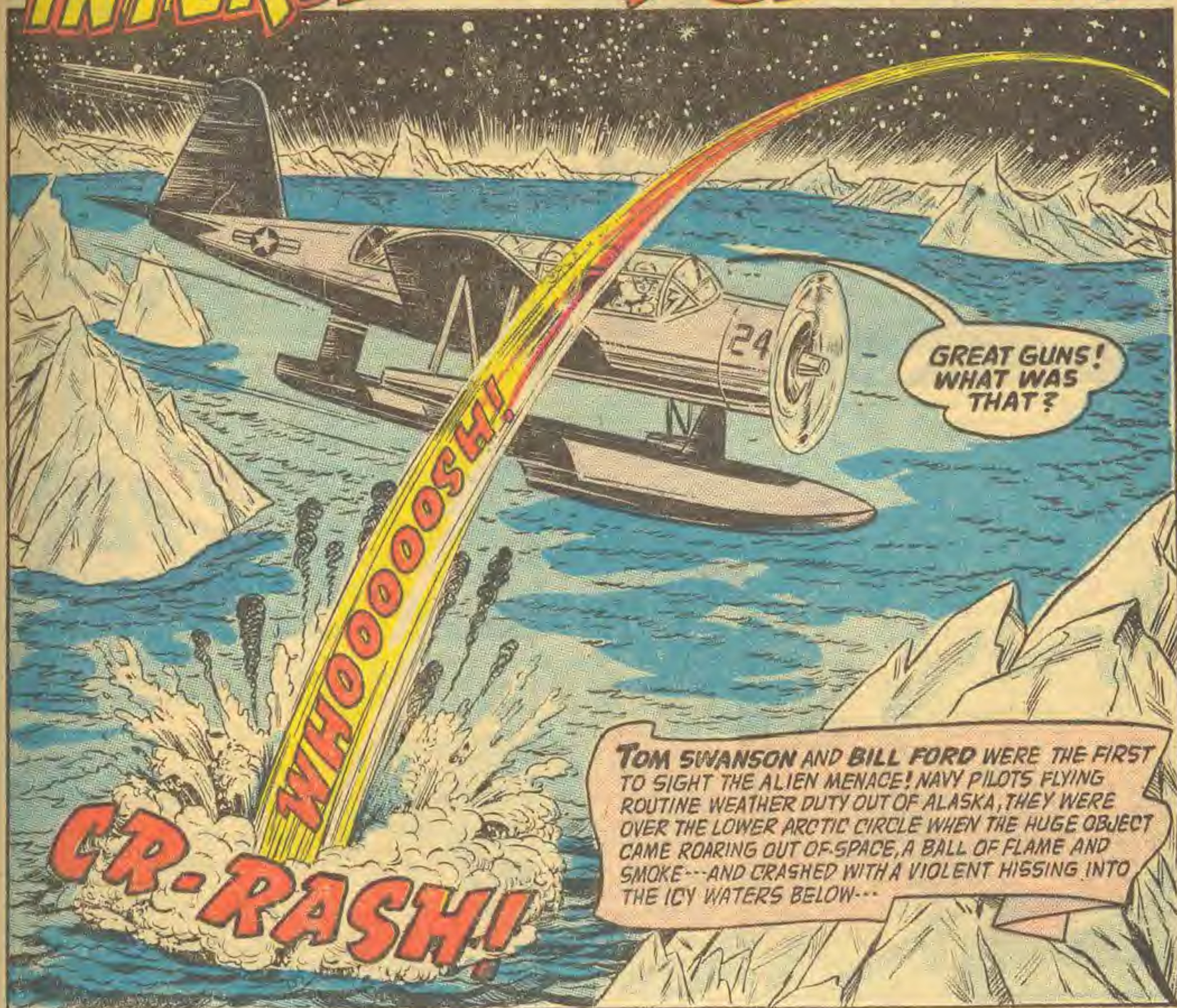
But it did miss — to such an extent that the former playboy was forced to take a job as a deckhand aboard the S.S. Seacat, an old tramp loaded with logs for the South American trade. It was a filthy ship and its crew included the dregs of the seven seas. Those — and Mike Lawton, still hoping for a break,

still reposing his confidence in a talisman which had brought him only failure. But there was still worse to come. A week out, the S. S. Seacat ran into a terrific storm. It might have ridden it out, had it not been for an old floating mine which ripped out its bottom. Down plunged the doomed ship, carrying all but a few of its crew with it. The scattered survivors seized floating logs from the cargo, and hung on desperately. They needed all their strength, for the howling storm ripped at them. One by one, they were torn loose from their precarious holds, and were gone. And it didn't look as if Mike's fate would be any different. Through his sodden clothes, he felt the weight of the old silver chain, and he gritted his teeth in anger. What a fool he had been ever to think that it could bring good luck! Misfortune had been his lot ever since it came into his possession — and now the greatest of all misfortunes, the loss of his life, seemed a matter of moments! Well, before he went, he'd get rid of the cursed thing. He drew it from his pocket even as he saw the last member of the ship's crew torn from his hold on a nearby log. That left only him — and he raised his hand to hurl the silver chain from him as a last act before he, too, would relinquish his hold and sink. But then, at the last moment, he paused, a sudden thought gripping him.

It was a full day later that Mike was picked up by the S. S. Malaya, a banana boat. "You'd have never dreamed that the man had a chance," the first mate told the captain. "But he managed to stay with that floating log he was on by attaching his arm to it with a chain! Here it is — an old silver affair — and it saved his life!"

As you can about guess, Mike Lawton figured that he was just about the luckiest guy around, and he was right. He also figured that the silver chain was the best good luck token in the world, and once more he was right. For besides saving him, it gave him the will to fight — and today, he's one of the most successful men around. Could anybody want more out of a talisman?

THE INTERSTELLAR SPONGE!



TOM SWANSON AND BILL FORD WERE THE FIRST TO SIGHT THE ALIEN MENACE! NAVY PILOTS FLYING ROUTINE WEATHER DUTY OUT OF ALASKA, THEY WERE OVER THE LOWER ARCTIC CIRCLE WHEN THE HUGE OBJECT CAME ROARING OUT OF SPACE, A BALL OF FLAME AND SMOKE---AND CRASHED WITH A VIOLENT HISSING INTO THE ICY WATERS BELOW---

WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARED, THEY WERE AMAZED TO SEE A SHAPELESS MASS FLOATING IN THE SEAS BELOW---

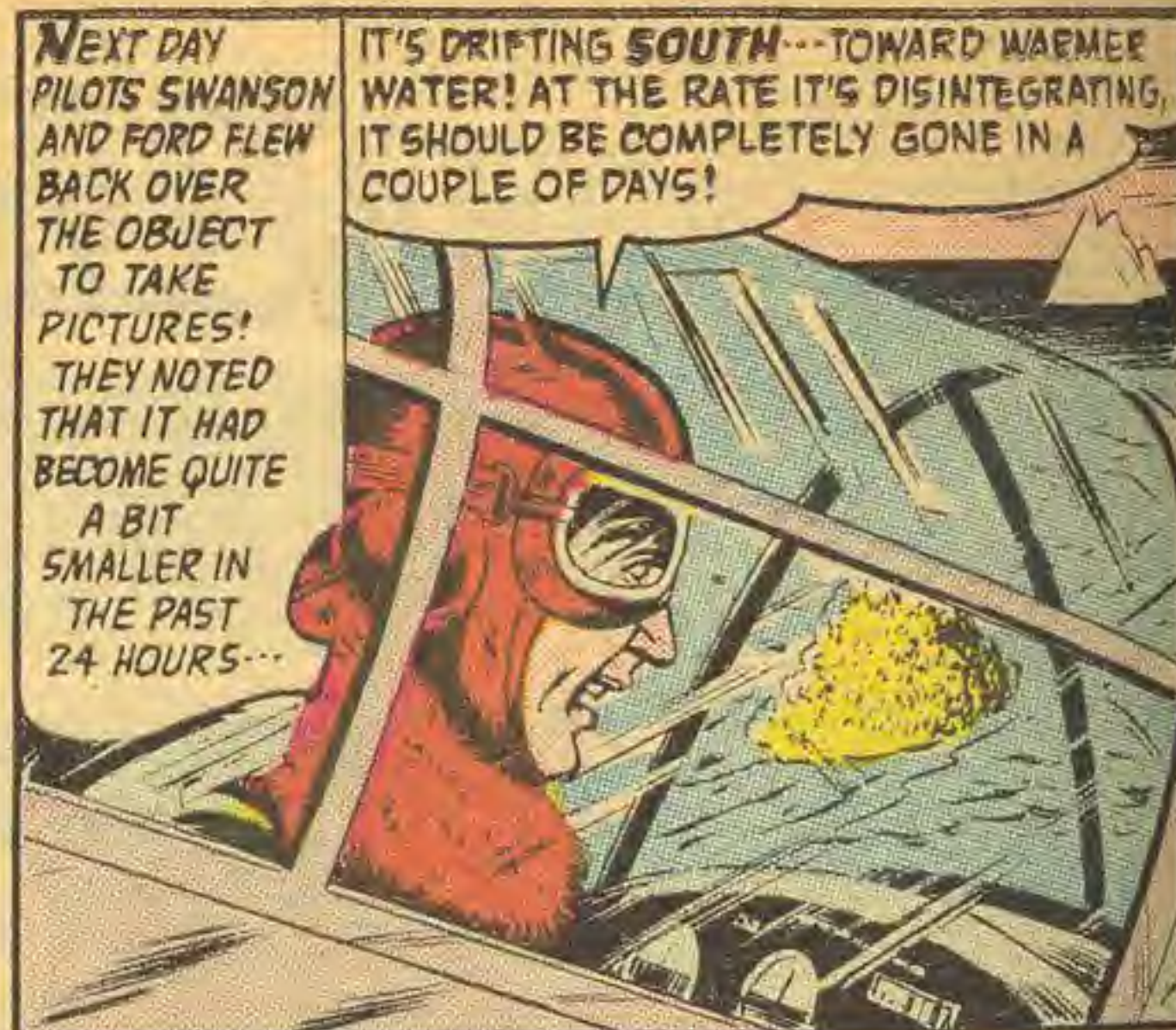
LET'S SET THIS BABY DOWN AND HAVE A LOOK-SEE! THE STUFF IS **LIGHTER THAN WATER**, AND EVERYTHING WHICH HAS EVER COME FROM SPACE BEFORE HAS BEEN **HEAVY METAL!**



IN A RUBBER RAFT THEY APPROACHED THE POROUS BLOB---

MIGHTY **PECULIAR-LOOKING**---MUST BE SOME NEW SUBSTANCE! I'LL HACK OFF A PIECE TO TAKE BACK TO THE BASE!





PILOTS SWANSON AND FORD KEPT A DAILY RECORD OF THE SIZE OF THE OBJECT FLOATING IN THE WATER! TO THEIR AMAZE-
MENT, IT SUDDENLY STARTED TO BECOME **BIGGER--**



ALMOST OVER-NIGHT IT BECAME TEN TIMES ITS FORMER SIZE! TO FORESTALL ITS BECOMING A HAZARD TO MERCHANT VESSELS, THE NAVY DISPATCHED SEVERAL DESTROYERS TO BLAST IT TO SMITHEREENS...



WITHIN A WEEK THE INTERSTELLAR SPONGE HAD GROWN TO THE SIZE OF A SMALL ISLAND... DRIFTING RELENTLESSLY SOUTH! IN WASHINGTON, AS IN OTHER CAPITALS OF THE WORLD, SWIFT ACTION WAS PLANNED...

THE THING'S **HERE** NOW, BUT WHAT HAPPENS IF IT DRIFTS TOWARD THE U.S. COAST? IT COULD ENVELOP A PORT LIKE NEW YORK AND CLOSE IT DOWN, AND WHO KNOWS WHAT **ELSE** IT COULD DO?



OBVIOUSLY, THE THING THRIVES IN WATER AND WILL KEEP GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS! I SUGGEST WE INSTANTLY START A **CRASH PROGRAM** TO FIGURE OUT SOME WAY OF **NEUTRALIZING IT!**



LET'S GET THE BALL ROLLING!

MEANWHILE SHIPS AT SEA HAD BEGUN TO FIND THEIR PATHS BLOCKED BY THE STRANGE MENACE...

TURN A FULL 90 DEGREES! BLAZES, WE'LL HAVE TO GO **AROUND** THAT THING... IT'LL TAKE US DAYS OFF OUR COURSE!



IT WAS NOW OVER A HUNDRED MILES LONG AND STILL GROWING! THE NAVY DECIDED TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE SPONGE'S UNDERSIDE...



NO TELLING HOW DEEP THAT THING IS IN THE WATER! DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!

AYE, AYE, SIR!

IT WAS SOON LEARNED THAT THE ALIEN SUBSTANCE WAS INCREDIBLY LIGHT, FOR THE MOUNTAINOUS PERIL FLOATED QUITE SHALLOW IN THE SEA...



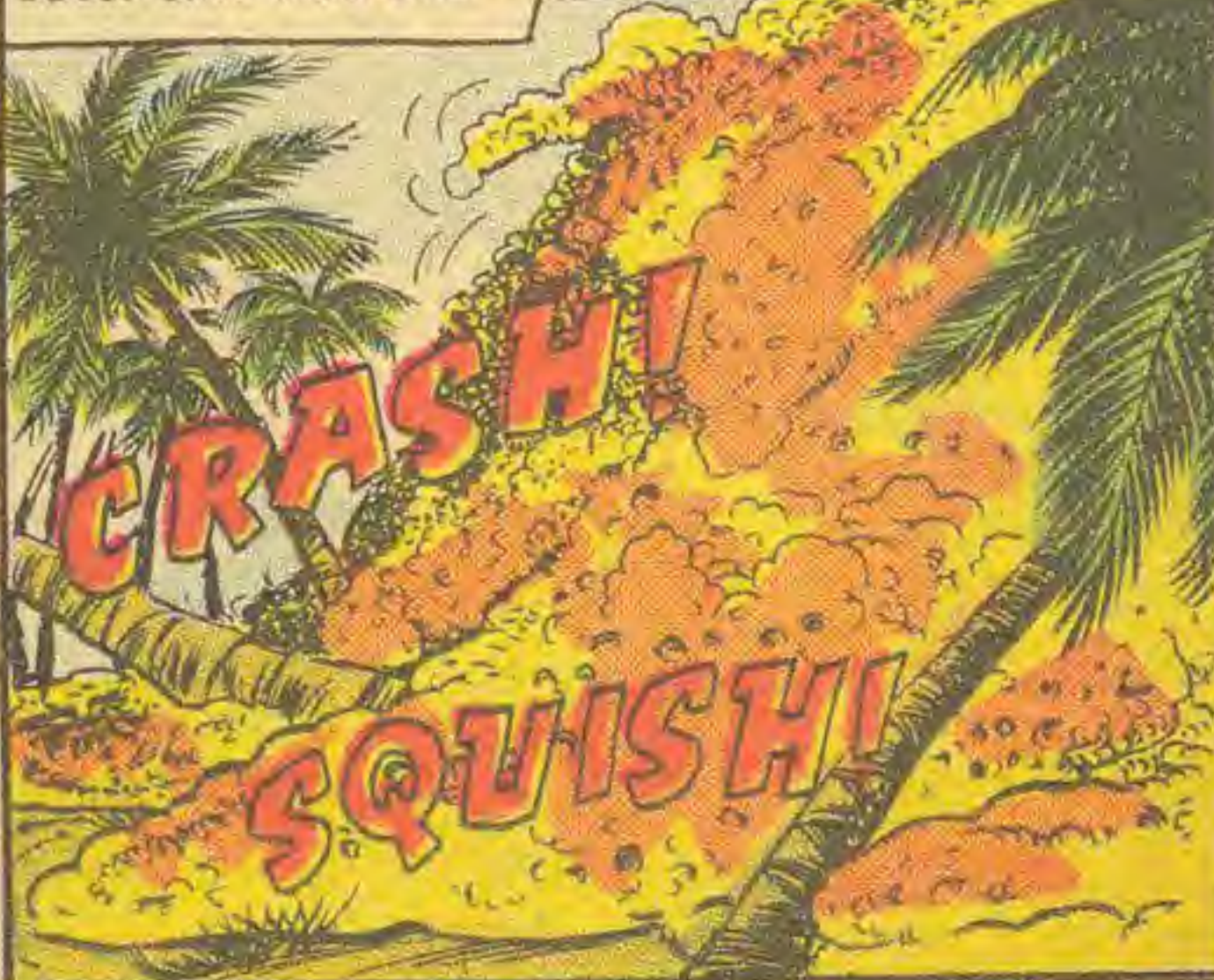
SURE IS A **PRETTY** SIGHT! TROUBLE IS THE DARNED THING IS PRACTICALLY GROWING BEFORE MY EYES! WHEN WILL IT **STOP?**

THE OBJECT'S COURSE WAS STRAIGHT DOWN THE ATLANTIC, BETWEEN EUROPE AND AMERICA! FINALLY, IN THE WATERS OF THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE, AN ISLAND STOOD DIRECTLY IN ITS PATH...



C'MON! GET ABOARD! THERE'S NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE!

WITH NO HOPE OF DESTROYING THE MENACE, THE ONLY THING TO DO WAS EVACUATE THE NATIVES AND OBSERVE EVENTS! THE ISLAND WAS DEVOID OF HUMAN LIFE WHEN THE IMMENSE SPONGE OOZED ONTO THE SHORE...



SQUISH!

IT ENVELOPED THE ISLAND SWIFTLY, AND SILENTLY PASSED ON...

GREAT GUNS!
IT SWALLOWED THAT
ISLAND LIKE A
GUMDROP!



IN DESPERATION A HYDROGEN BOMB WAS EXPLODED IN THE CENTER... WITHOUT EFFECT! IN WASHINGTON, THEY WONDERED WHETHER THE OBJECT MIGHT BE A SECRET RUSSIAN WEAPON... WHILE IN MOSCOW, HYSTERICAL MEETINGS QUESTIONED WHETHER IT WAS A SECRET AMERICAN WEAPON!



SCIENTISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WERE SOON MEETING TO DISCUSS THE CATASTROPHIC SITUATION...

THE SPONGE IS NOW **1,000 MILES LONG!** IT HAS BLOCKED TRAFFIC IN THE ATLANTIC AND CAUSED ALL THE WORLD'S OCEANS TO RISE SEVERAL FEET! WE MAY EXPECT RUINOUS FLOODS IN THE COASTAL AREAS OF ALL CONTINENTS VERY SOON!



ALL THE GREAT SEAPORTS OF THE WORLD FELT THE SHOCK OF MOUNTING WATER WITHIN DAYS! NEW YORK, SOUTHAMPTON, MARSEILLES... THEY ALL REELED UNDER HEAVY BLOWS...

IF THE WATER KEEPS RISING, EVEN THE **EMPIRE STATE BUILDING** WILL BE SUBMERGED!



ALL INTERNATIONAL FRICTIONS WERE FORGOTTEN! THE **UN** WORKED IN UNITY FOR THE FIRST TIME TO MEET THE COMMON DANGER...

AT THE MOMENT, THE GREATEST PERIL FACES **ARGENTINA**, WHICH THE SPONGE IS THREATENING TO ENVELOP WITH A HUGE Pincer MOVEMENT! WE MUST LEND ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE!



BUT WHEN PRACTICAL DISCUSSIONS BEGAN...

WE CAN'T **EVACUATE** THE WHOLE NATION! AND WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO? THAT SPONGE IS WELL ON ITS WAY TO ABSORBING ALL THE OCEANS AND ALL THE LAND! UNLESS WE CAN **DESTROY** IT WE'RE ALL **GONERS!**



MEANWHILE, IN ALASKA, THE TWO MEN WHO HAD FIRST SEEN THE MENACE WERE WORKING ON A THEORY...

FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS IN THE COLD WATERS UP HERE, THE SPONGE WAS **SHRINKING!** IT ONLY **EXPANDED** IN **WARMER** WATERS!

RIGHT! OBVIOUSLY IT CAN ONLY THRIVE IN TEMPERATE CLIMATES! DOES THIS MEAN CIVILIZATION WILL HAVE TO TAKE TO THE ARCTIC CIRCLES FOR SAFETY?



NOT IF THE SPONGE CAN BE COMBATTED WITH **COLD**! THOSE HOT EXPLOSIVES ONLY MADE MATTERS **WORSE**! THE ONLY ANSWER IS TO GENERATE **COLD**!

BUT **HOW**? HOW CAN YOU MAKE A FRIGID CLIMATE OVER SUCH A HUGE AREA?

PILOT BILL FORD, WHO HAD BEEN AN EXCELLENT CHEMISTRY STUDENT, SUDDENLY GOT AN IDEA...

HEY! I THINK I'VE **GOT** IT! BUT THIS IS SOMETHING I'LL HAVE TO TAKE DIRECTLY TO THE **PRESIDENT**!

24 HOURS LATER, IN WASHINGTON...

FORD, I THINK YOU MAY **HAVE** SOMETHING! IF OUR SCIENTISTS CONSIDER YOUR PLAN FEASIBLE, WE'LL HAVE EVERY CHEMICAL PLANT IN THE WORLD OPERATING NIGHT AND DAY TO PRODUCE WHAT YOU ASK FOR!

THERE'S NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE, MR. PRESIDENT!

WITH THE APPROVAL OF SCIENTISTS, THE PLAN WAS PUT INTO EFFECT! AND WHILE A VAST FLEET OF BOMBER PLANES WAS READIED, ARGENTINA AWAITED THE ARRIVAL OF THE REMORSELESS PERIL--

IT'LL BE HERE COMPLETELY WITHIN 48 HOURS! IT'LL GOBBLE US UP LIKE BREAD CRUMBS!

24 HOURS LATER, AT A FORWARD AIR BASE...

YOU'VE GOT WHAT YOU'VE ASKED FOR, FORD! NOW LEAD THESE JETS TO THE TARGET AND LET'S SEE IF IT **WORKS**!

IT'S **GOT** TO WORK, SIR! OTHERWISE, IT'S **CURTAINS**!

WITH LIEUTENANTS FORD AND SWANSON LEADING, THE HUGE ARMADA SOON SIGHTED THE SPONGE...

WE'VE GOT TO HIT THE SECTION NEAR ARGENTINA FIRST!

I'M KEEPING MY FINGERS CROSSED, BILL! JUST **LOOK** AT THAT THING DOWN THERE!

ONLY A FEW HUNDRED YARDS OF OPEN WATER REMAINED BETWEEN THE FLOATING MASS AND ARGENTINA WHEN...

BOMBS AWAY!

DOWN RAINED THE MISSILES, WITH TIMING DEVICES TO EXPLODE THEM JUST A FEW FEET ABOVE THE TARGET---



BUT THESE WERE NO EXPLOSIVES THE BOMBS CARRIED---NO, FOR THEY CONTAINED LIQUID OXYGEN, A SUBSTANCE FORMED AT TEMPERATURES HUNDREDS OF DEGREES BELOW ZERO! THE EFFECT WAS INSTANTANEOUS---

LOOK! IT'S BEGINNING TO CONTRACT VIOLENTLY!

BOOM! CRUMP!

SPLASH!

EACH EXPLODING BOMB SPREAD LIQUID OXYGEN HUNDREDS OF YARDS OVER THE SPONGE! THE STRICKEN MASS SHRUNK WITH STARTLING RAPIDITY---



AT THAT INSTANT, ALONG THE COASTS OF THE WORLD, THE FLOOD WATERS COMMENCED SUDDENLY TO RECEDE---

WE'RE SAVED! IT'S ALL RUSHING BACK INTO THE OCEAN!



FLEET AFTER FLEET POUNDED THE WOUNDED ENEMY WITHOUT MERCY! EVERY HOUR AND DAY AFTER DAY THE BATTLE CONTINUED, UNTIL ONLY A FEW HUNDRED YARDS OF SPONGE REMAINED, THEN ONLY A FEW FEET---A MERE STAIN ON THE WATER---THEN NOTHING! HUMANITY HAD BEEN SAVED!

IT'S ALL OVER BUT THE SHOUTING!



IN WASHINGTON, WHERE LIEUTENANTS FORD AND SWANSON RECEIVED A HERO'S WELCOME, ALL WAS NOT PURE CELEBRATION! SCIENTISTS, MILITARY MEN, ALL WERE DEEPLY TROUBLED---

WAS THIS MENACE FROM THE SKIES ACCIDENTAL---OR WAS IT GUIDED BY SOME INTELLIGENCE? IF THIS LAST IS TRUE, WILL IT ACCEPT ITS DEFEAT---OR ATTACK WITH SOME NEW WEAPON?



THAT'S WHY, IN OBSERVATORIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, TELESCOPES STILL SWEEP THE PEACEFUL, STARRY SKIES---

LET'S HOPE THERE'LL BE PEACE IN OUR TIME---BUT IF EVER ANOTHER ATTACK COMES FROM OUT OF SPACE---WE'LL BE READY!



The END!

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By **RICHARD JOHNS**

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Eugene Stevens
Eugene Stevens, Pres.

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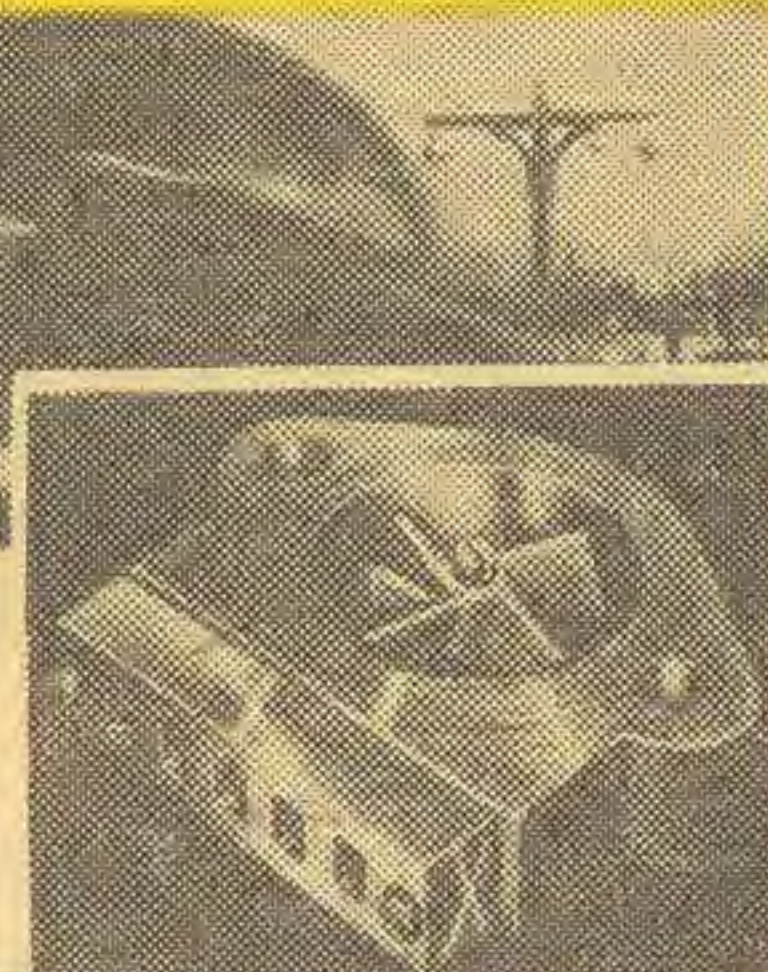
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IT's mail call for all you wonderful readers of "Adventures Into The Unknown"! Gather 'round, while we investigate our bulging postal sacks and produce some representative examples for your attention. Will yours

be among them? If not, remember that we're waiting to hear from you! Address that letter to The Editor, "Adventures Into The Unknown", 45 West 45th St., New York 36, N.Y. And now — let's turn to that correspondence!

"Dear Editor:-

I've been reading 'Adventures Into The Unknown' for quite a while now, and there's something I'd like to say. I like the way your stories end — with the finales not always happy, that is. It makes your plots splendidly true to life! Your issue No. 75 was fine, by the way — I enjoyed all the stories, especially 'Celeste The Bewitching'. That's why I'm enclosing \$1.20 for a 12-issue subscription!

— Adell Williams, Thomasville, N.C."

This business of occasional unhappy endings is a ticklish one — there are some readers whom it offends, who want to see everything turning out joyously in every plot. But this just isn't realistic — and we think it would be boring in the long run! Let's hear what a few of you other readers think on this score!

"Dear Editor:-

I've just finished reading the August issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown' and found myself quite interested in your 'Let's Talk It Over' page. Particularly a letter by a Mr. William Stout. I can't give you enough praise on your paragraph informing him that you don't intend to print stories about vampires and werewolves. I agree with your every word. What I'd like to see are some stories based on fact in this country — how about it? Meanwhile, keep up the good work — it's super!

— Marvin R. Ohm, Gary, Ind."

We've gotten in a lot of mail on this particular point, Mr. Ohm. We're glad to state that the majority of readers are in agreement with you. And we won't overlook your suggestion about folk lore and native fact as a source for our stories. Thanks!

"Dear Editor:-

I've just finished reading the August issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown' and I want to say that it's the best magazine of its kind I've ever read. The stories are so different and exciting! I especially enjoyed 'Celeste The Bewitching' and I sure hope you keep up the terrific work. The way your stories are written seems to give each one a mystifying touch. I'm looking forward to your next issue!

— Bruce Bennett, Valley Stream, N. Y. "

We appreciate your reaction, but think that the credit should go to as fine a staff as we could gather. They're in there pitching every moment, using imagination and ingenuity to produce the mystifying touch you mention. It sure was evident in 'Celeste'!

"Dear Editor:-

I think the best story that you've had in the past few issues is 'The Deserted City', and that was just average. What's the matter with you guys? Why don't you play up to the reader, instead of playing down to him? Your readers aren't just juveniles, you know. A lot of them are intelligent people. I wish that you'd really try to plot your stories a lot better, and give your all to 'Adventures Into The Unknown'.

— Ron Haydock, Brookfield, Ill."

Let's fight, Mr. Haydock — and we think you're a wathy antagonist! We've got the feeling you believe what you say, but we can't agree. Too often we receive mail saying that this story or that was far too complicated. This isn't playing down to the reader and we never have, because we have confidence in his intelligence. We plot our stories well — and don't even consider 'The Deserted City' to be an outstanding example in any way!

"Dear Editor:-

I've read many unusual comics, and I think 'Adventures Into The Unknown' is just about tops. I especially enjoyed the story, 'From Wherever I'll Be', in your No. 75 issue. And by the way — anybody ever tell you that your artists are wonderful? Keep up the good work!

— Ed Noco, London, England."

Funny thing about artists — what's one man's peach is another man's poison! But we try to pick ours on the basis of attractive illustration that tells the story almost as much as the balloons do! We'd like to hear more on this subject from our other readers!

The **STONE AGE MAN**

I'd come to Africa five years before, as a specialist in tropical diseases! I'd roamed much of its territory -- witnessed first hand many of its secret rites! But what I found up in the hills wasn't even dreamed of by a living soul -- and what happened later shattered every scientific concept I held!

HE... HE'S STILL ALIVE, MGABA!
JUST **LOOK** AT THAT SLOPING
FOREHEAD AND RECEDING JAW!
THIS MAY BE... **THE
MISSING LINK!**



THE DREAD DISEASE **RINDERPEST** HAD BROKEN
OUT IN UGANDA, AND MY MEASURES WERE HARSH--

THE TRIBE LIVES
ON THAT HERD,
DR. HARRIS!

THE ANIMALS ARE
CONTAMINATED--THEY
MUST BE
DESTROYED!



IN TIME I HAD THE EPIDEMIC PRETTY WELL
UNDER CONTROL, BUT IT MEANT TRAVELING FAR
AND WIDE TO HUNT DOWN EVERY TROUBLE SPOT--

LUCKY THERE'S BEEN SO MUCH RAIN
LATELY--IT MAKES FOLLOWING HERD TRACKS
EASIER! BUT WE'RE GETTING INTO
UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY!



WITH MY FAITHFUL GUIDE, **MGABA**, WE REACHED A PART OF AFRICA NEVER FULLY CHARTED -- **BLEAK**, MOUNTAINOUS COUNTRY! IT WAS THERE WE FOUND THE STRANGE FOOTPRINT --

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT? IS IT AN APE?

NONE THAT I KNOW OF -- IT LOOKS MORE HUMAN TO ME!



I WAS ELECTRIFIED BY THE PRINT! I KNEW ANIMALS -- AND THIS WAS ONE I'D NEVER SEEN BEFORE! EXCITEDLY WE FOLLOWED THE TRAIL, LOST IT --

THIS WAY, DR. HARRIS -- I'VE PICKED IT UP! IT LEADS HIGHER INTO THE HILLS!



HIGHER AND HIGHER WE WENT, AND THEN, INCREDIBLY --

A... A VILLAGE OF CAVES! ARE ALL THOSE PEOPLE DEAD?

LOOK CLOSER, MGABA! ARE THEY... PEOPLE?



THE COMMUNITY HAD BEEN STRUCK BY **PLAGUE**, AND ITS INHABITANTS HAD PERISHED! DESPITE THE TRAGEDY, MY MIND WAS ON SOMETHING ELSE --

THIS ONE IS STILL BREATHING, DOCTOR -- YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE HIM!

I'VE GOT TO, MGABA -- ARE MY EYES DECEIVING ME?



THAT HAIRY BODY, THE SLOPING FOREHEAD AND WEAK JAW, THE SHAPE OF THE SKULL -- IT COULD ONLY MEAN ONE AMAZING THING!

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I IMMEDIATELY DESPATCHED MGABA TO BRING HELP! MEANWHILE, I NURSED MY DISCOVERY WITH ALL THE SKILL AT MY COMMAND --

STONE IMPLEMENTS IN ALL THESE CAVES, FLINT CHIPS -- TYPICAL PREHISTORIC STUFF! THIS SPECIMEN'S GOT TO LIVE! I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO UNDERSTAND THAT ARCHAIC LANGUAGE HE'S MUMBLING IN HIS DELIRIUM!

AGGA... KWOKTI... GHARK...



WHEN THE HELICOPTER ARRIVED --

CAREFUL! DON'T YOU REALIZE HOW PRECIOUS HE IS?

GOOD GRAVY! IS THAT A MAN OR A GORILLA?







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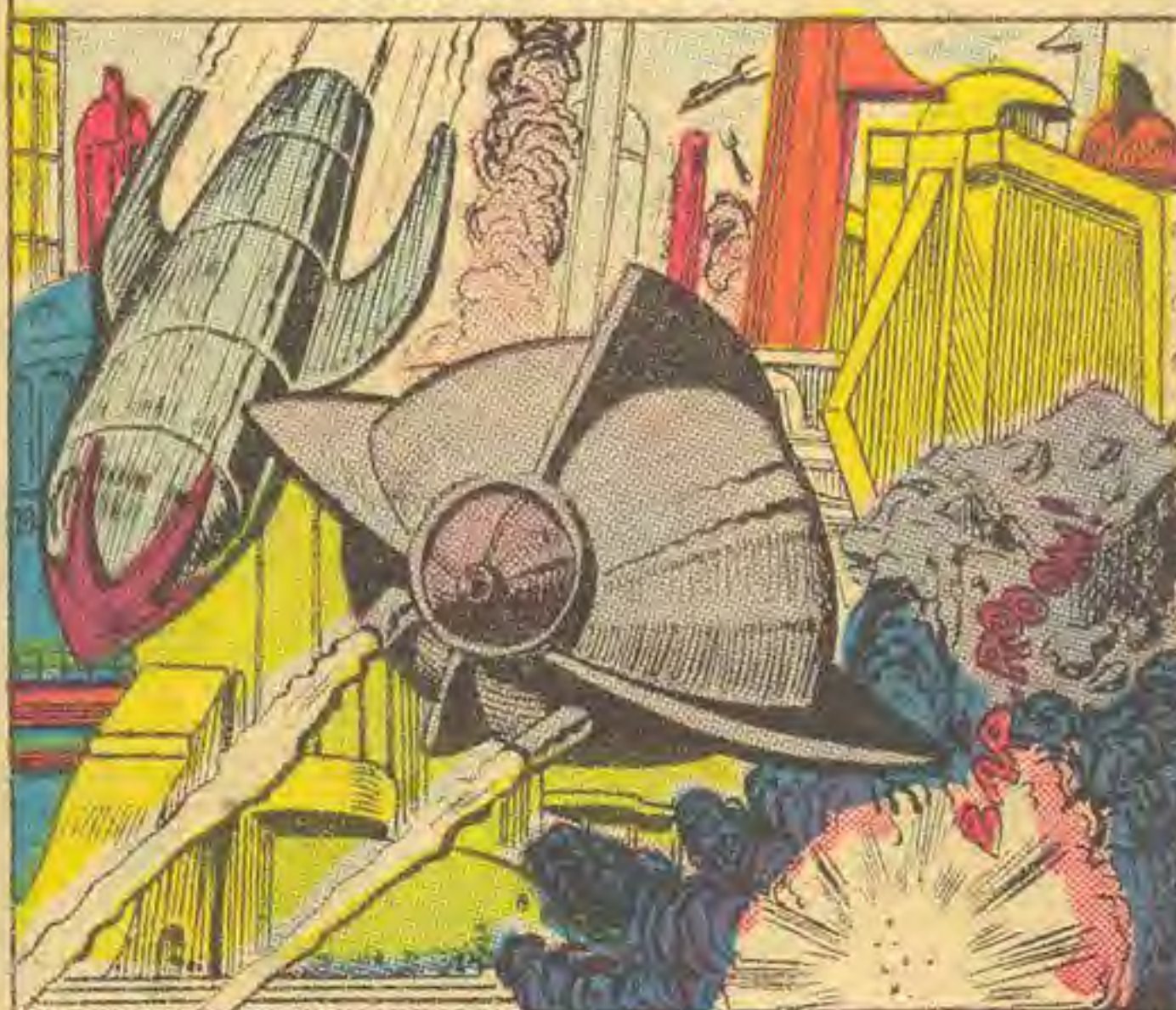


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"AND SO GREAT CITIES WERE AGAIN RAISED, AND FOR A TIME THERE WAS PEACE! BUT ONCE MORE VIOLENCE ERUPTED -- "



"THIS TIME ALMOST ALL LIFE HAD BEEN DESTROYED! FOR THE FEW BEWILDERED SURVIVORS--"



WE MUST GO FAR AWAY! AND HENCEFORTH, WE MUST SHUN ALL MACHINES!

"EVERYONE FEARED TO REBUILD, LEST DESTRUCTION ONCE MORE OCCUR! SO THEY SETTLED IN A LONELY SPOT IN AFRICA, AND TOOK UP A SIMPLE EXISTENCE--"



AM I NOT CLEVER? WITH THIS WEAPON I INVENTED I CAN KILL GAME FROM AFAR! THINK, OH FOOLISH BOY-- IT MAY ALSO BE USED AGAINST MEN! YOU MUST DESTROY IT AT ONCE!

WE BELIEVED IT BETTER TO LIVE IN CAVES IN PEACE THAN TO DWELL IN PALACES UNDER THE SHADOW OF WAR! AND SO, DOWN THE LONG CENTURIES, WE HAVE KEPT OUR TRADITIONS OF NON-VIOLENCE ALIVE!



I... I DON'T BELIEVE YOU! NOT ONE WORD!



PERHAPS I CAN CONVINCE YOU! COME, LET US GATHER A HANDFUL OF STONES IN THE GARDEN --

HUH? WHAT FOR?



WHERE'D YOU GET THOSE? D-DIAMONDS, EMERALDS, RUBIES...

I'VE BEEN FOOLING AROUND IN THE LAB LATELY! IT'S REALLY SIMPLE, IF YOU'RE SUFFICIENTLY INTELLIGENT!



AS MY BRAIN REELED, THORKO SUDDENLY RAISED HIS HAND, POINTED TO A NEARBY TABLE --

OH... NO! IT... IT'S RISING!

CHILD'S PLAY! WE USED TO DO THIS SORT OF THING TO AMUSE THE YOUNGSTERS IN OUR TRIBE!



THORKO, YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS? WE CAN BE TRILLIONAIRES! THEY'LL HAVE TO REWRITE THE SCIENCE BOOKS!

I DON'T MEAN TO APPEAR UN-GRATEFUL, DR. HARRIS-- BUT I'M LEAVING!



I STARED AT HIM WITH MOUTH AGAPE --

YOUR CIVILIZATION IS NOT FOR ME! I LONG FOR THE PEACE OF AFRICA! YOU SEE, THERE IS ANOTHER COLONY THERE OF PEOPLE LIKE ME, AND I SHALL JOIN THEM! I WON'T BETRAY THE LOCATION!



YOU CAN'T LEAVE! YOU'VE GOT TO TELL YOUR STORY TO MANKIND-- WARN THEM!

IT WOULDN'T DO ANY GOOD! PEOPLE CAN ONLY LEARN FOR THEMSELVES! AND NOW, DOCTOR --



I TRIED TO STOP HIM! HE WAS TOO IMPORTANT TO SCIENCE TO ALLOW TO ESCAPE, BUT I HADN'T RECKONED WITH HIS STRENGTH --

I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU OR ANYBODY ELSE -- BUT DON'T TRY TO DETAIN ME!



STUNNED, I DRAGGED MYSELF TO THE PHONE --

SEND OUT AN ALL-STATE ALARM! THROW A DRAGNET UP! HE MUSTN'T ESCAPE!

ROADBLOCKS WERE SET UP EVERYWHERE, THE WHOLE COUNTRY WAS ALERTED --



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HOLY HANNAH! THAT'S A 60-FOOT LEAP!

I'D HATE TO TANGLE WITH THAT THING!

HE EVADED EVERY TRAP SET! HE CLIMBED SHEER WALLS, BROKE THROUGH POWERFUL CORDONS, AND AT LAST --



IT'S THE APE MAN! STOP HIM!

HE'S HEADED TOWARD THE PLANE!

BOWLING OVER GUARDS RIGHT AND LEFT, THORKO SEIZED A PLANE AND ROARED OFF --



LET'S GO AFTER HIM! BUT, GOOD GRAVY, SINCE WHEN CAN AN OVERGROWN CHIMP FLY?

PURSUIT WAS FRUITLESS! OVER THE COAST OF AFRICA THE CRAFT WAS PICKED UP BY RADAR, HEADED TOWARD THE INTERIOR! I KNEW EXACTLY WHAT MUST HAVE FOLLOWED -- AT A CERTAIN SPOT THORKO HAD BAILED OUT, WHERE HE COULD REJOIN OTHERS LIKE HIMSELF --



REPORTERS GAVE ME NO PEACE AFTER THAT! THEY ASKED A THOUSAND QUESTIONS, BUT HOW COULD I TELL THEM THE TRUTH?

GIVE US THE LOW-DOWN, DR. HARRIS! JUST HOW INTELLIGENT WAS THAT THING?

IF I TOLD THEM THE STORY THORKO TOLD ME, THEY'D PUT ME INTO AN ASYLUM!



ONLY IN THE SECLUSION OF MY OWN ESTATE COULD I FIND PEACE, BUT EVEN THERE I WAS PURSUED --

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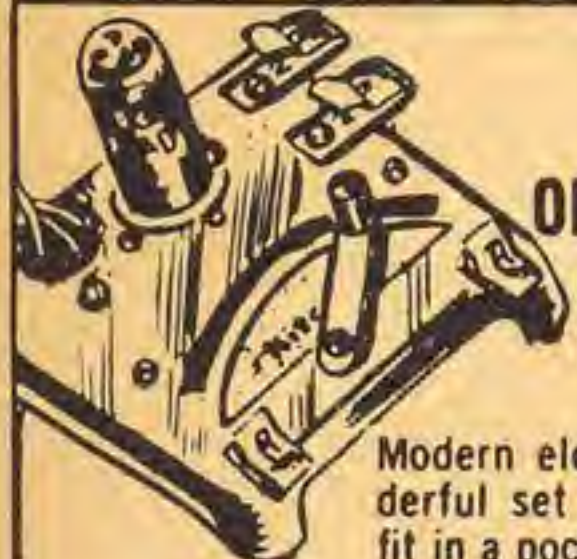
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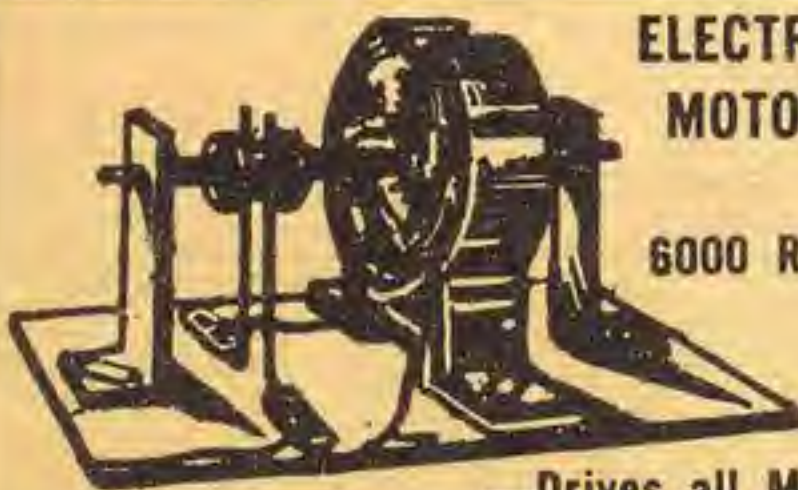


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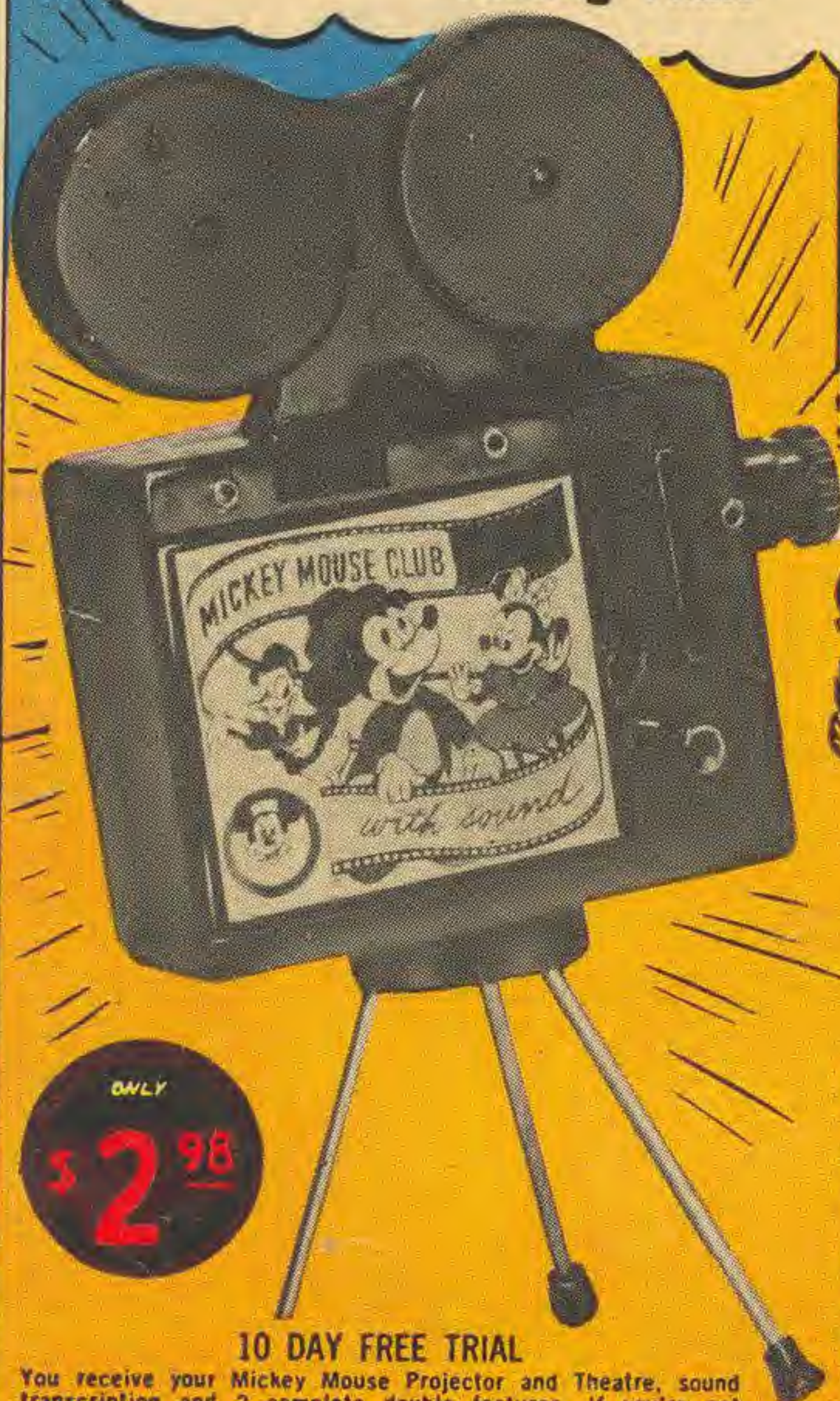
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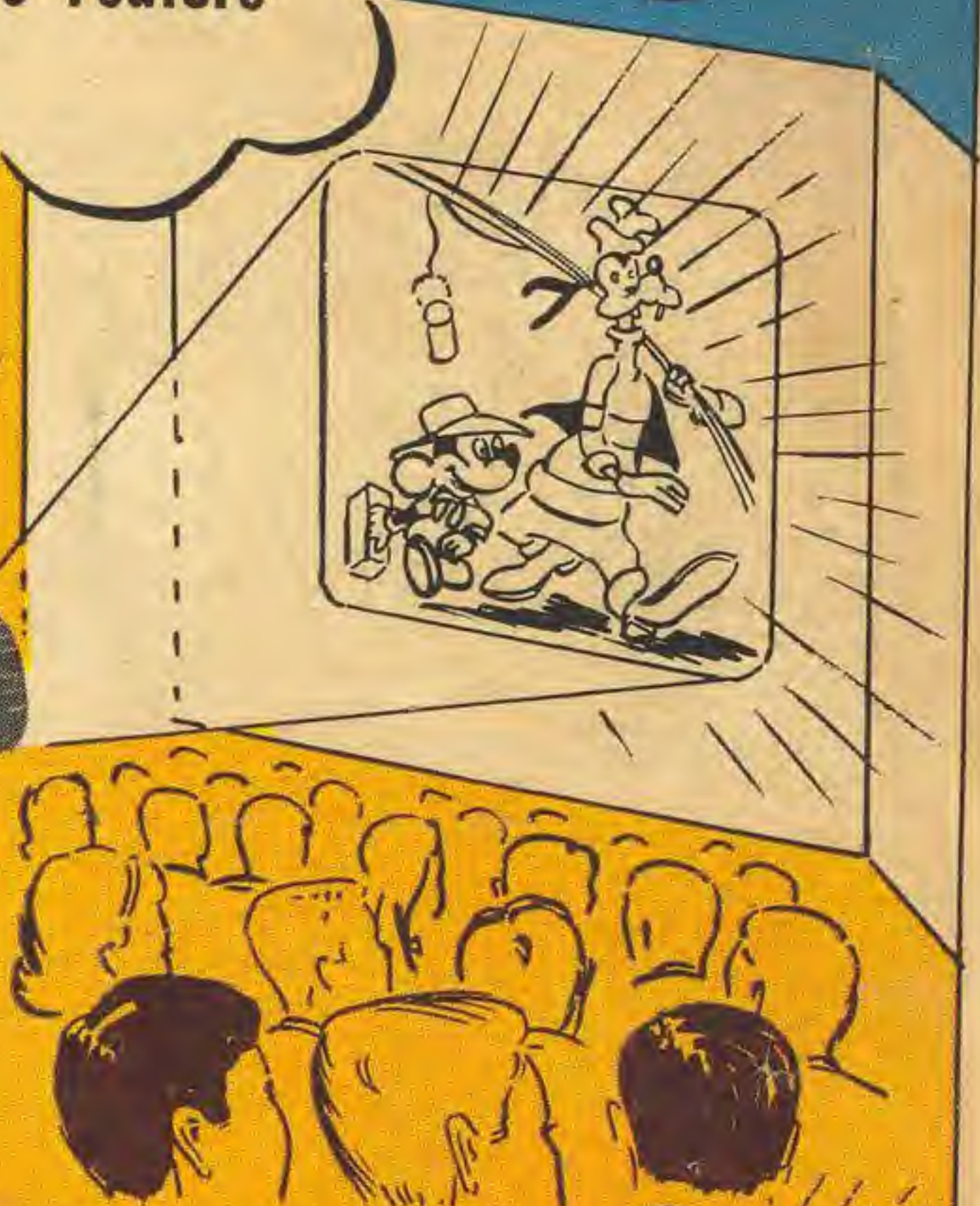


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